

Handicapped stage sports festival

AMMAN (Petra) — Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, deputising for Her Majesty Queen Noor, attended the opening ceremony of the Second Sports Festival for the Handicapped held on Friday at Al Hussein Sport City with the participation of 140 players representing various sport clubs, centres and societies in the Kingdom. The secretary general of the Jordanian Handicapped Sport Federation, Yousef Al Karmi, in a speech on the occasion, voiced thanks for Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor for their continuing support for the handicapped. Mr. Karmi also pointed out that the sports festival was aimed at highlighting the innovative sports capabilities of the handicapped in Jordan who have proven their abilities at Arab and international levels. Events staged on Friday included basketball, football, table-tennis, weight-lifting and other games. Prince Ra'd presented prizes to the winners.

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King congratulates Mauritania and Yugoslavia

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein sent congratulatory cables on Thursday to Mauritania head of state Mohammed Ma'ouya Ould Sid' Ahmad Taya and Yugoslav President Radovan Vukobratovic congratulating them on the occasion of their countries' national day. The King wished the Mauritania and Yugoslav leaders continuing success in leading their people towards progress and development.

Crown Prince, Princess Sarvath leave for Holland

AMMAN (Petra) — Their Royal Highnesses Crown Prince Hassan and Princess Sarvath left for The Netherlands and Luxembourg on Thursday. Prince Hassan is expected to hold talks with Dutch and Luxembourg officials during his visit. The Crown Prince and Princess Sarvath were seen off on Thursday by Royal Court Chief Marwan Al-Jasem.

Budget committee resumes meetings

AMMAN (Petra) — The Budget Advisory Committee resumed its sessions and held a meeting on Friday under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Zaid Al-Rifai. The general draft budget for the year 1986 is scheduled to be submitted to the cabinet within the coming few days for discussion and approval after which it will be referred to the Lower House of Parliament.

Arafat calls for forum of PLO factions

BAGHDAD (R) — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat has appealed to all Palestinian resistance factions to attend a "national forum" without pre-conditions, on the struggle of the Palestinian people in the Israeli-occupied territories. In a speech to the Arab Lawyers Federation, Mr. Arafat also called for formation of a pan-Arab popular movement to express "solidarity with the Palestinian revolution."

Bern confirms rejecting Jadhafi's request for visit

BERN (AP) — Libyan leader Colonel Muammar Jadhafi apparently wanted to visit Geneva during the U.S.-Soviet summit, but the Swiss government turned down the request for security reasons. A Swiss Foreign Ministry spokesman said on Friday, The Libyans never made clear why Col. Jadhafi wanted to visit, "but it was in connection with the summit," said spokesman Stephan Nellen. Libyans officials contacted the Swiss through diplomatic channels during the superpower meeting. Nellen said, confirming reports in Swiss newspapers, "We told them immediately that his security couldn't be guaranteed under the circumstances," he said. "We had other things to do than protect yet another VIP." Swiss newspapers cited unidentified sources as saying Col. Jadhafi's plane was already in the air when the Swiss turned down the request. Nellen said he knew nothing about that.

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13 killed, 4 injured in bus-truck collision on Amman-Aqaba road

By Sa'ad G. Hattar
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Thirteen people, most of them students, were killed and four injured on Friday in a tragic head-on collision between a schoolbus and a tanker-truck near Jatraneh on the main Amman-Aqaba road about 80 kilometres south of Amman.

The Public Security Department (PSD) said the victims were immediately rushed to Karak government hospital for treatment and the dead were transferred to Al Bashir Hospital in Amman.

The accident occurred when the bus, carrying 16 passengers and heading for Petra on a school excursion trip, wrongly overtook another vehicle. The tanker-truck, carrying Kuwaiti licence plates, was coming towards Amman, and

the collision occurred when the busdriver could not control his vehicle, a police report said.

The busdriver tried to evade the accident by turning to the left as he could not stop the bus, which was going at a high-speed, but the truckdriver also turned in the same direction and the result was the collision, the report added.

Describing the accident, Issa Hanna, one of the four who survived the accident, said that he and his colleagues were singing

when the accident occurred. "We felt a sudden shock in the bus but could not tell what was the cause," Hanna said. "Then I saw my friends scattered all around lying in pools of blood and I jumped out of the bus. I found one of my friends was still alive and we tried to rescue the others before the ambulances arrived."

All the four who survived the tragedy were sitting in the backseat of the bus and found their way out through the rear windows, Issa added.

He blamed overspeeding and wrong overtaking for the collision. Several citizens in Karak rushed to the hospital and offered blood for transfusion to the injured.

The driver of the bus was among the dead.

The bus belonged to the Seventh Day Adventist Secondary School in Amman. The dead students were in the age group of 14-18.



The scene of bus-truck collision, which killed 13, on the Amman-Aqaba road on Friday (Petra photo)

Klibi deplures situation in occupied territories

TUNIS (R) — The secretary-general of the Arab League said on Friday the situation in the Israeli occupied Arab territories was worsening because of Israel's policy to try to force Palestinians into exile.

In a statement marking an annual "Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People," Chadli Klibi, said Israel's Oct. 1 air attack on Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) headquarters near Tunis was a "scandalous act of concerted terrorism."

"The situation for the Arab population in occupied Arab territories continues to worsen as a result of repressive measures taken by the occupying authorities, who take away public liberties and fundamental rights, obstruct civilian activities and practice a systematic policy of banishment, social uprooting and destruction of the national economy in order to force Palestinians into exile," Mr. Klibi said.

"To place the PLO on an equal footing with other participants in the conflict is indispensable to any effort, debate or conference organised with the aim of finding a solution to the Middle East problem," he said.

On Nov. 29, 1979 the United Nations resolved that a day of solidarity with Palestinians should be declared on that day each year. In a message marking the occasion, the Soviet Union has told the PLO it supported its campaign for an independent Palestinian state.

The message, to the PLO, published on Thursday by the official news agency TASS in Moscow, also urged a comprehensive Middle East settlement.

The government said: "On behalf of the Soviet people, we express sentiments of heartfelt solidarity with the struggle of the Palestinian people to exercise their inalienable rights, for a comprehensive and truly just settlement in the Middle East, and against the policy of separate deals."

Syrian premier to visit Amman soon

Jordan lifts curbs on citizens' travel

AMMAN (J.T.) — Syrian Prime Minister Abdul Raouf Al Kasm is expected to visit Jordan at the invitation of Prime Minister Zaid Al-Rifai and during Dr. Kasm's visit the two prime ministers would discuss means to further consolidate Syrian-Jordanian relations, informed sources said Friday.

Mr. Rifai visited Syria earlier this month and held talks with Dr. Kasm and other senior Syrian officials. At the end of the visit, Jordan and Syria issued a joint statement rejecting all partial or separate solutions to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Mr. Rifai also delivered a message from His Majesty King Hussein to Syrian President Hafez Al-Assad.

The news of Dr. Kasm's proposed visit came one day after the Interior Ministry announced that Jordanians travelling to Syria no longer needed permits from the Jordanian government to do so.

An Interior Ministry announcement, carried by the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, said the need for exit visas was abolished from Thursday on the orders of King Hussein.

Jordanians can now visit Syria without even obtaining a visa, marking a return to the situation that existed in the late 1970s.

Hassan II to attend Franco-Arab summit

PARIS (AP) — King Hassan II of Morocco, ending a three-day official visit to Paris on Friday, said he will attend for the first time the annual Franco-Arab summit in December.

"I told the president of the republic that I will be there. I think Morocco, even as an observer, ought to participate. It can only be for the good," King Hassan said after his second and final private meeting with President Francois Mitterrand at the Elysee Palace.

Besides the summit, King Hassan and Mr. Mitterrand discussed the situation in Chad and the Middle East during their meetings as well as immigration, an important issue for France before the March legislative elections.

During a dinner toast on Wednesday night, the King called on France to instigate a Middle East dialogue, saying talks were long overdue and France was best placed to spur them on.

France has said it is available to help resolve the Middle East crisis, but has given no specific response to King Hassan's call.

Addressing President Mitterrand during the toast, King Hassan said: "I say, as an Arab head of state, we are counting on you and on France, and I know that when the moment comes neither you nor the French people

Murphy in Damascus for talks with Assad

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — U.S. Middle East envoy Richard Murphy arrived in Damascus from Amman on Friday after three days of talks which he said focused on the outcome of the Nov. 19-21 U.S.-Soviet summit in Geneva.

Upon departure from Amman, Mr. Murphy made a brief statement in which he said he briefed His Majesty King Hussein on the summit talks. He did not disclose whether the Middle East problem was discussed at the superpower meeting, but said he discussed with Jordanian officials U.S.-Jordanian relations and recent Middle East developments.

No Jordanian or U.S. official was immediately available for comment.

In Damascus, the assistant secretary of state was expected to meet with President Hafez Al-Assad and Vice-President Abdul Halim Khaddam. Diplomatic sources said they believed his discussions in the Syrian capital would be broadened to cover Middle East peace moves as well as the situation in Lebanon.

Mr. Murphy's visit to Jordan was part of a Middle East tour he undertook immediately after the conclusion of the Geneva summit. He flew to the Middle East last Friday and briefed Israeli and Egyptian leaders on the outcome of the summit and visited India, Pakistan and Oman on similar missions.

Peres seeks 'concessions'

In Israel, Prime Minister Shimon Peres on Thursday called on Jordan to make more "concessions" on the issue of Palestinian representation in Middle East peace talks. The Associated Press reported.

Peres contended that Israel has "moved a little towards" Jordan by agreeing to an international forum for peace talks.

The AP quoted the prime minister as saying in a televised interview as calling on Jordan to come a little towards us regarding Palestinian representation.

Peres told the television that Israel would negotiate peace with Syria "if the Syrians want to come and talk." But he said he did not see "Syria making peace with us."

Israel has agreed to Jordan's demand for an international peace conference with superpower participation on condition that the Soviet Union restore diplomatic ties with the Jewish state.

In an interview published in London this week, Eugene Primakov, a Soviet Middle East advisor who took part in the Geneva talks, was quoted as saying that any effort to solve the Middle East problem without the participation of Moscow is doomed to failure.

In an interview with Al-Hawadeth Lebanese weekly magazine, Mr. Primakov said: "Nobody can exclude Moscow from the political process in the Middle East."

The Soviet official also rejected the "blackmail conditions" announced by Israel for the Soviet Union's participation in the peace process.

Egypt rejects Libyan charge that it is planning an attack

CAIRO (Agencies) — Egypt on Friday rejected Libyan charges that it was planning an attack on Libya and said the charges were "purely propaganda."

In Brussels, Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdul Meguid said Egypt had stepped up security on its border with Libya but denied the Libyan allegations that it was planning an attack.

Mr. Abdul Meguid told a news conference that Cairo took the measures after it established links between Libya and the hijackers of an Egyptian airliner to Malta last weekend.

"We took our precautions in view of the seriousness of the situation after the hijack, which is dangerous," Mr. Abdul Meguid said Friday.

He added that the move was defensive and Cairo had no aggressive intentions towards Libya.

Mr. Abdul Meguid said Egypt was collecting evidence of Libyan involvement in the hijacking which would be made public as soon as all of it had been gathered.

"We do not accept their interference. Egypt will resist terrorism by all means," he said.

Earlier on Friday, Egyptian military sources said Libyan and Egyptian troops were massed on their common border but denied any intention on Cairo's part to attack in retaliation for the hijack.

An Egyptian Foreign Ministry source on Friday dismissed the Libyan charge as "purely propaganda."

considering the "military option," Mr. Mubarak said: "We never call for war but we call for peace and if we ever have to go to war, it is because we want to bring peace to a decision to go to war is not any easy decision."

Libya has denied involvement in last week's hijack and challenged Egypt to give evidence.

The Middle East News Agency, meanwhile, quoted Interior Minister Ahmad Rushdy as saying on Friday that Maltese authorities were prepared to hand over a young Arab identified as the sole surviving hijacker.

Maltese authorities identified him as Omar Marzouki, who was carrying a Tunisian passport. Maltese government spokesman Paul Mifsud said Marzouki had been identified by several former hostages as the leader of the hijackers although he has not been charged.

Mr. Rushdy was quoted as saying there were contacts between Egyptian and Maltese authorities to ensure Marzouki's safety while he remains in a Valletta hospital recovering from injuries suffered in the commando attack. Mr. Rushdy also said Egypt was increasing security on all Egyptian flights as well as for all airlines serving Cairo airport.

Libyan leader Colonel Muammar Jadhafi personally supervised plans for the Egyptian hijacking, an opposition newspaper reported on Thursday.

Asked on Tuesday if he was

President Hosni Mubarak has said Egypt suspects Libya of being behind the hijack. Army and air force units in areas adjoining Libya have been on alert since the hijack, but Mr. Mubarak has ruled out war with Egypt's western neighbour.

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U.S. to expel 4 Ghanaians in retaliatory measure

WASHINGTON (R) — The United States said on Friday it had ordered the expulsion from Washington of four Ghanaian embassy staffers in retaliation for what it called an unwarranted decision by Ghana to expel four U.S. diplomats.

A U.S. State Department spokesman told Reuters the Ghanaian embassy had been given 48 hours to carry out the expulsions, the same time given the Americans by Ghana.

She said the United States also had decided to review, and possibly terminate, U.S. aid to Ghana, which amounted to \$15.1 million this year.

The Ghanaian government informed U.S. ambassador to Ghana Robert Fritz on Thursday of its decision to expel the four American diplomats, who were accused by the official news media of spying for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

Accra and Washington last week exchanged a nephew of Ghanaian leader Jerry Rawlings arrested in the United States for eight Ghanaians.

Resistance front attacks Israeli troops, SLA men

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Lebanese commandos said they attacked Israeli troops and militia allies in South Lebanon on Friday as Israeli warplanes shook Beirut with nerve-jangling sonic booms for the third day.

The action came as a partial strike organised by Sunni Muslims was staged in west Beirut, to protest street battles between Shi'ite Amal and Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) gunmen last week. Police said 68 people, mainly civilians, were killed.

The Amal militia said its men hit a position manned by Israelis and the mainly Christian South Lebanon Army (SLA) at Alman, southeast of the SLA stronghold of Marjayoun, and destroyed a tank.

Amal sources in the south told the AP their men attacked with rocket-propelled grenades and automatic weapons, but gave no report of casualties.

It was the second reported raid by the National Resistance Front, which includes Amal, against Israeli and SLA positions in their enclaves in South Lebanon in 16 hours.

Resistance sources said a commando unit hit a joint Israeli-SLA hilltop fort near Suweida, 10 kilometres north of Marjayoun, late

Thursday night with rocket-propelled grenades and automatic weapons.

The sources, also quoted by the AP, gave no estimate of casualties. But security sources, who declined to be identified, said the Israelis and their allies retaliated with tank and machine gun fire on the nearby village of Halhoub, damaging several houses.

The security sources reported that Israeli troops machine-gunned a civilian car near Amoun, six kilometres southeast of Marjayoun, on Friday, seriously wounding a 21-year-old woman.

An Israeli armoured column backed by helicopter gunships on Thursday stormed the villages of Yater and Kfra suspected of harbouring commandos. U.N. sources reported.

Israel Radio said on Friday that at least 21 Katyusha rockets landed in Israel's northern settlements since June 10.

Israeli jets staged a show of strength above Beirut for the third straight day on Friday as a protest strike over militia anarchy in the western sector crumbled for lack of support. Reuter reported.

Buildings shook to sonic booms on four occasions as up to four warplanes criss-crossed the skies in pairs.

ANC claims Secunda attack

LUSAKA (R) — The African National Congress (ANC) claimed responsibility on Friday for attacks Thursday on South African oil installations and for recent mine explosions in the northern Transvaal.

A statement said the attacks were carried out by units of Umkhonto we Sizwe (Spear of the Nation), the ANC fighting wing.

The statement said: "The units are based and operate inside

South Africa and were not infiltrated from Zimbabwe or any other independent African country in southern Africa, as maliciously claimed by the Botha regime" (See page 8).

According to the statement, soon after Thursday's attack on the state-owned oil-from-coal plants at Secunda, three of the ANC guerrillas confronted a government patrol 180 kilometres away near the town of Piet Retief.

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Emissary reports ailing French hostage 'doing fine'

BEIRUT (AP) — A Lebanese-born heart specialist said Friday he has visited ailing French hostage Michel Carton in captivity and reported the 62-year-old diplomat "is doing fine."

Dr. Razah Raad, who has acted as an envoy for the French government in its efforts to free four kidnapped Frenchmen, said in a brief statement before flying to Paris: "M. Carton is in good health."

"I saw him. He's doing fine. I'm going to Paris where I'll be holding a news conference."

Dr. Raad gave no details about where or how he saw Carton, nor did he elaborate on Carton's illness.

Carton was reported two weeks ago to be gravely ill. The captive, the protocol officer at the French embassy in Beirut, has a history of heart trouble.

Carton was kidnapped on March 22 with another French diplomat, Marcel Fontaine, vice consul at the Beirut embassy.

Dr. Raad flew to Beirut with a French Foreign Ministry envoy, Pierre Blouin, a former ambassador to Kuwait, on Nov. 20

after a statement signed by Shiite Muslim Islamic Jihad, or Islamic Holy War, group said one of the four French captives was ailing.

The statement did not identify the hostage, but stressed he was in "terrible physical condition that could endanger his life."

Dr. Raad gave no indication about whether French efforts to free the hostages have advanced.

The other French hostages are journalist Jean-Paul Kauffmann, 42, and scientist researcher Michel Seuret. They were abducted on May 22 near Beirut airport.

Islamic Jihad, made up of Shiite fundamentalists loyal to Iran, has demanded France stop supplying arms to Iraq in the six-year-old Gulf war between the two countries.

Islamic Jihad also holds six American hostages. It has said it will free them if Kuwait released 17 comrades convicted there for

bombing the U.S. and French embassies in December, Kuwait refuses.

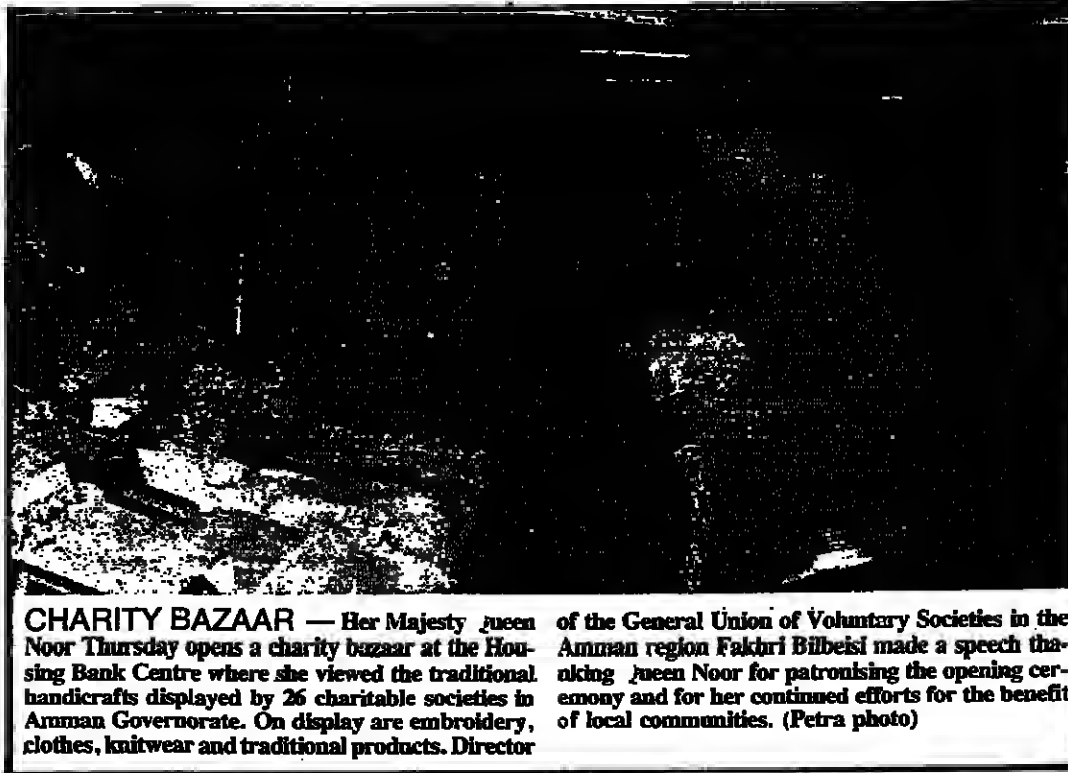
Terry Waite, the special emissary of the Archbishop of Canterbury, currently is seeking to negotiate the release of at least four of the Americans who wrote to the Anglican Church leader earlier this month seeking his intervention.

Mr. Waite returned to London Thursday after meeting U.S. officials and church leaders in the United States. He said he would like to visit Kuwait to discuss the hostage crisis.

Mr. Waite has met the kidnappers in Beirut at least three times since he launched his one-man mission Nov. 13. He was expected to return to Beirut on his third visit early next week.

Mr. Waite, a lay aide to the Anglican archbishop, has previously negotiated the release of captive Britons in Iran and Libya. He is expected to return to Beirut next week.

He has expressed cautious optimism about the Americans after three meetings with their captors.



CHARITY BAZAAR — Her Majesty Queen Noor Thursday opens a charity bazaar at the Housing Bank Centre where she viewed the traditional handicrafts displayed by 26 charitable societies in Amman Governorate. On display are embroidery, clothes, knitwear and traditional products. Director of the General Union of Voluntary Societies in the Amman region Fakhri Bukeisi made a speech thanking Queen Noor for patronising the opening ceremony and for her continued efforts for the benefit of local communities. (Petra photo)

Amnesty cites human rights abuses in Iran

BRUSSELS (AP) — Physical torture of political prisoners in Iran is widespread, and more than 1,000 people have been executed there in the past two years, a human rights group has charged.

In a report to the European Parliament, Amnesty International said it had interviewed many former Iranian prisoners, some of whom said they had been tortured or forced to watch executions of relatives or friends.

Amnesty International, which campaigns against detention of political prisoners and abuses of human rights, said Thursday various forms of torture have been used against Iranian prisoners, including burning by electricity and whippings with steel cables.

The group said it had recorded 661 executions in Iran in 1984 and 399 through October of this year. It alleged, however, that the actual total is higher, saying many executions are believed to be carried out in secret.

In its report, Amnesty International called on the 10 member countries of the European Economic Community to help pressure Iran into stopping the reported abuses. It asked the EC to prevent exports to Iran of equipment that could be used for torture.

"There are thousands of political prisoners in Iran, and political arrests are continuing," including imprisoned members of the Baha'i religious sect and political opposition groups such as the People's Fedayee Organisation, the Tudeh Party and the People's Mojahedin Organisation, the group said.

"Prisoners in Iran include many who are held solely for the non-violent expression of their beliefs, but it is impossible to estimate the number of such prisoners of conscience currently held because of the difficulty in obtaining and verifying information on individual cases," it said.

Iraq 'ready to crush' anticipated Iranian attack

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq has said it was ready to crush an anticipated Iranian offensive.

"Our great people and their courageous armed forces are fully prepared to crush the heads of Iranian rulers and their troops if they try to execute any foolish attempt," the Iraqi High Command said in a communique on Thursday.

The air attack on Kharg, the 44th since mid-August and the first since Sunday, was launched to "strip the enemy of its means of aggression," the spokesman said, and pledged that Iraq will maintain such attacks until Iran accepted a peace settlement to the 5-year-old Gulf war.

Iraq, in February 1984, said it was imposing a blockade on Kharg Island, kilometres south east of the Iraqi coast in the Gulf waters, and other Iranian oil outlets within a 50-mile radius exclusion zone, to wreck Iran's economy and shatter the financial resources on the Iranian war effort.

Iraq escalated the blockade on Aug. 15 to almost daily air and naval attacks against Kharg and other smaller Iranian oil outlets in the north eastern sector of the Gulf waterway.

Iran has rejected a series of bids by the United Nations, the Organisation of Islamic Conference and the Non-Aligned Movement to negotiate a peaceful settlement to its conflict with Iraq.

Kharg accounts for 90 per cent of Iran's oil exports.

Some of the Iraqi air raids on Kharg have inflicted extensive damage on the terminal's facilities.

However, aside from sporadic shutdowns, the Iranians have been able to keep their oil export flows at average daily rates close to 1.8 million barrels.

Repair work has enabled them to keep at least two of 14 berths on the island operational. Earlier this week, oil industry executives said the Iranians were reporting that they now had four berths operating.

Israel may allow diplomats to speak with U.S. spy case investigators

TEL AVIV (AP) — Israel may allow two diplomats recalled from the United States to return for questioning by American officials probing the case of a U.S. Navy analyst accused of spying for Israel, a government source said Friday.

The source who spoke on condition of anonymity told the Associated Press that the diplomats would only be allowed to return if they kept their diplomatic immunity. The immunity would shield them from answering questions detrimental to Israeli security interests.

A final decision on whether the diplomats would be allowed to talk with U.S. investigators was expected to be taken by Prime Minister Shimon Peres, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin. They have been meeting daily on the controversy.

Israeli media said FBI agents would be allowed to talk with the diplomats in Israel.

Israeli sources have identified the two diplomats as Yosef Yagur, the science attaché at the consulate-general in New York, and Ilan Ravid, deputy science attaché in the Washington, D.C., embassy.

Israel Radio said Peres has sent a message to U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz expressing Israel's willingness to return whatever documents it can find which were bought from Pollard.

An Israeli official denied to reporters that Peres sent a letter but refused to rule out any communication between the premier and U.S. officials on the subject.

"We said from the beginning we are ready to cooperate with the United States, and I won't go into whether there have been diplomatic exchanges between us and the United States," the Israeli official said.

"We are aware of the seriousness of the entire matter and that's why we are having a thorough examination of it," said the official.

He refused to say when the investigation would be completed but said it would be "reported between" the two governments and not publicly.

The government's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee rejected American demands that two diplomats be sent back to Washington for questioning, reported the daily Davar which is affiliated with Prime Minister Shimon Peres' Labour Party.

Davar reported that Israel would convey to the Americans over the weekend additional information concerning its investigation of the case.

Israeli newspapers reported that American officials were angry at what they viewed as lack of Israeli cooperation in the case. That was the message apparently conveyed by State Department official Michael Armacost when he summoned Israeli Ambassador Meir Rosenfeld for a meeting Wednesday.

Peres and other Israeli leaders said they were caught completely by surprise when Pollard was arrested last week and had not known anything about his activities.

The New York Times reported that an international examination has found that Pollard was working as an intelligence operative for a secretive "Israeli counterterrorism bureau."

The newspaper quoted a highly placed Israeli source as saying Pollard was recruited by a senior Israeli official who ran an espionage service without the knowledge of his superiors or the country's intelligence services.

Sudan expels 3 resettlement agencies

KHARTOUM (R) — Sudan has ordered the expulsion of three refugee resettlement agencies implicated in the smuggling of Ethiopian Jews (Falashas) from Sudan to Israel from 1981 to 1984, official sources have said.

They are the Geneva-based Intergovernmental Committee on Migration (ICM) and the U.S.-

based Joint Voluntary Agency (JVA) and International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC), the sources said.

Attorney-General Omar Abdul Ali issued the expulsion order, but a member of JVA said the organisation had not yet received notice and did not know when it would have to leave.

Sudan suspended the activities of ICM and all refugee resettlement through the office of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) in Khartoum some 10 days ago pending a review of resettlement policy.

ICM is the main agency coordinating resettlement of Ethiopian and Eritrean refugees in North America and Europe.

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WHAT'S GOING ON

TODAY'S EVENTS

EXHIBITIONS

- * An art exhibition by Dr. Kamal El-Khatib at the Royal Cultural Centre.
- * Photo exhibition "Birds of Jordan" by Arslan Ramadan at Amra Hotel.
- * An exhibition of oil paintings by Spanish artist J. Soler at Alia Art Gallery, Jabal Amman, 1st Circle (until Dec. 2).
- * Contemporary Egyptian art at Jordan National Museum (until Dec. 10).
- * French exhibition "Lithographies du 20e siècle" at the French Cultural Centre.

FILM WEEK

- * Italian Film Week at the Royal Cultural Centre "Ennape 51" at 8:00 p.m.

CULTURAL CENTRES

- Royal Cultural Centre - Tel. 6610267
- American Centre - 644371
- British Council - 641520
- French Cultural Centre - 637078
- Goethe Institute - 641993
- Soviet Cultural Centre - 644203
- Spanish Cultural Centre - 620409
- Turkish Cultural Centre - 639777
- Haya Arts Centre - 665195
- Hebrew Youth City - 667181/6
- Y.W.C.A. - 641793
- Y.W.M.C.A. - 664251
- Amman Municipal Library - 637111
- University of Jordan Library - 843555

MUSEUMS

- Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 651760.
- Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al-Jufra (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.

FOR THE TRAVELLER

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ARRIVALS

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09:35	Abu Dhabi (RU)
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09:50	Karachi, Dubai (RU)
09:55	Dhahran (RU)
10:00	Doha, Bahrain (RU)
10:10	Riyadh (RU)
10:45	Singapore, Kuala Lumpur (RU)
12:10	Muscat, Abu Dhabi, Bahrain (GF)
13:30	Baghdad (RU)
13:45	Kuwait (RU)
14:00	Cairo (MS)
17:15	New York, Vienna (RA)
17:30	Cairo (RU)
18:05	Copenhagen, Frankfurt (RU)
18:15	Beirut (MFA)
18:30	Paris, Damascus (AF)
19:30	Tripoli (RU)
19:30	Baghdad (IA)
19:55	Rome, Damascus (AZ)
20:55	Frankfurt, Damascus (LH)
01:30	Baghdad (RU)

DEPARTURES

06:30	Damascus, Frankfurt (LH)
06:30	Damascus, Athens (JA)
06:45	Damascus, Athens (JA)
07:15	London (BA)
09:10	Larnaca, London (BA)
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12:15	Vienna, New York (RU)
12:30	Larnaca (RU)
13:30	Cairo (RU)
13:30	Bahrain (RU)
19:30	Kuwait (RU)
19:45	Bahrain, Doha (RU)
21:20	Baghdad (RU)
20:15	Jeddah (RU)
20:30	Baghdad (IA)
20:45	Cairo (RU)
21:15	Abu Dhabi, Dubai (RU)
21:30	Baghdad (RU)

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Thursday rates	Local selling rates in Jds
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French franc	57.69 48
Israeli sheqel	345/ 352
Japanese yen (for 100)	183/ 184.8
Lebanese lira	20/ 22
Kuwaiti dinar	1280/ 1290
Libyan dinar	107/ 107.8
Omani rial	101/ 103
Saudi riyal	101/ 103
Swiss franc	176.1/ 177.5
Syrian lira	28/ 30
UAE dirham	101/ 103
U.S. dollar	541.2/ 545.5
U.S. dollar	369/ 372.1
W. German mark	145/ 146.2

WEATHER

Bulletin supplied by the Department of Meteorology.

A depression centred southwest of Turkey will be approaching our area in the afternoon. Clouds will appear with scattered showers. Southwesterly moderate winds will become fresh. In Agaba, it will be dusty. Northerly moderate winds will become southerly moderate and seas will become wavy.

Low/high temperature in deg. C.

Amman	8/19
Agaba	14/26
Deserts	7/20
Jordan Valley	13/24

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 22, Agaba 27, Humidity readings: Amman 44 per cent, Agaba 24 per cent.

Arab journalists condemn Iran's aggression on Iraq

RABAT (J.T.) — The Arab Journalists Federation (AFJ) concluded meetings in Tunis by ending a dispute over the representation of the Palestinian Journalists Association, issuing a declaration condemning Iran's continued aggression on Iraq and voicing denunciation of American support for Israel's raid on the Palestine Liberation Organisation's (PLO) office in Tunis.

The sessions were attended by delegates from 13 Arab journalists associations who decided that the Palestinian journalists should be represented by their association based in Tunis rather than the dissident one in Damascus in implementation of a decision taken by the Palestinian writers and journalists meeting in Sanaa in 1983.

But a statement said that efforts will be pursued to bring the Damascus and the Tunis offices together and reconcile them.

Jordan's delegation led by Mr. Mahmoud Al Kayed, president of the Jordanian Journalists Association (JJA) was instrumental in reaching the final decision.

The final statement renewed the AJF's total support for the Iraqi people against Iran and called on all international journalists organisations to interfere and ensure the safety of all Iraqi prisoners of war in Iranian jails.

The two day meeting decided that the Fez Arab Summit resolutions should be implemented and that the Arab Defence Pact be honoured by all Arab states.

The statement welcomed efforts being made to bring about a reconciliation between Arabs and to end differences and disputes among Arab countries.

The statement voiced the federation's condemnation of Israel's raid on Tunis and continued Israeli onslaughts on the Arab nation in general and the PLO and the Palestinian people in particular.

The statement voiced denunciation of the U.S. administration's support for Zionism and particularly the Israeli raid on Tunis and condemned U.S. hijacking of the Egyptian civilian aircraft over the Mediterranean.

The statement urged Arab governments to agree on unified action in the face of acts of aggression and piracy on the part of the U.S.-Israeli alliance and renewed total support for the Palestinian people's rights and the PLO, their sole and legitimate representative.

The statement also voiced Jordan's support for the Palestinian and Lebanese people against Zionist occupation and called for an international conference to settle the Middle East conflict.

The spokesman said that the Kuwait-backed IGC was established in 1974 with an initial capital of 25 million Kuwaiti dinars to offer guarantees for Arab investors by providing compensation for risks that might ensue after investments have been made, like wars, nationalisation and bankruptcy but not commercial dealings.

According to the spokesman, the IGC aims at encouraging Arab investments to develop existing projects and research done in this respect. IGC also offers middleman's services between Arab and foreign investment centres, the spokesman said.

IGC, he said, has also set up a court in Tunis to help settle inter-Arab disputes arising from investment operations.

No state-backed torture in prisons, Turkey says

ANKARA (R) — A Turkish all-party parliamentary committee has concluded there is no torture in Turkish prisons which is backed or concealed by the state or judicial organs, its chairman told a news conference Friday.

Bulent Akarcali of the ruling Motherland Party was speaking after the committee spent a year seeing civilian and military prisons, where human rights groups abroad have alleged torture is endemic.

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EMERGENCIES

Amman governorate	891228
Amman civil defence	198 199
Civil Defence Unit	271293, 273131
Civil Defence Quarters	770735
Ambulance	193, 775111
Amman downtown fire brigade	198
First aid	630341
Blood bank	778303
Civil Defence rescue	661111
Fire headquarters	62200-3
Police rescue	192, 621111, 637777
Police headquarters	639141
Traffic police	896390/1
Electric Power Co.	636381/4, 624681
Municipal water complaints	771258
Queen Alia Int. Airport	(06) 5333060

Dr. Mohammad Azzam	818911
Khalid pharmacy	778653
Al Sultan pharmacy	626730
First pharmacy	661912
Hala pharmacy	778911
Ya'ish pharmacy	624425
Jal'atari pharmacy	771547
Jabal Al Taj pharmacy	71050

TAXIS:	
Husseln taxi	721776
Khalidoun taxi	664888
Bassem taxi	811057
Ahli taxi	621127
Khayyam taxi	641541
Mashhour taxi	625021

IRBID:

Dr. Sitan Oasrawi	(—)
Laith pharmacy	240626

ZARQA:

Dr. Khaleel Abu Hussein	985001
Hikma pharmacy	(—)
Freij pharmacy	(—)

GENERAL

Jordan Television	773111/19
Radio Jordan	774111/19
Ministry of Tourism	642311
Hotel complaints	666412
Price complaints	661112
Telephone Information	12
Jordan and Middle East calls	10
Overseas calls	10
Repair service	11

NIGHT DUTY.

AMMAN:	
Dr. Nidal Maraga	771218

MARKET PRICES

<i>Upper/lower price in fils per kg.</i>	
Apple	260 / 200
Banana	300 / 260
Banana (Mukammam)	250 / 220
Beans	780 / 200
Broad beans (green)	690 / 200
Cabbage	120 / 80
Carrot (yellow)	120 / 80
Caniflower	120 / 80
Chestnuts	750 / 700
Cucumber (large)	100 / 60
Cucumber (small)	220 / 150
Eggplant (large)	90 / 50
Eggplant (small)	170 / 140
Garlic (without leaves)	480 / 400
Grapes (white)	350 / 300
Jaavaas	320 / 280
LEMON	150 / 80

Mellow	300 / 200
Marrow (large)	50 / 30
Marrow (small)	100 / 60
Olive (green)	580 / 500
Onion (dry)	160 / 120
Okra	350 / 300
Orange (Abu surra)	230 / 200
Orange (Shammouri)	190 / 160
Parsley	100 / 100
Pears	500 / 400
Pepper (sweet)	240 / 200
Pepper (hot)	150 / 70
Potatoes	230 / 180
Radishes	100 / 80
Spinach	90 / 60
Tomatoes	140 / 90

Home news

King awards wings to air force cadets

AMMAN (Petra) — A new batch of air force cadets graduated Thursday after completing their training course and received their wings from His Majesty King Hussein at a ceremony held at King Hussein Air Force Base.

At the outset of the ceremony, the national anthem was played and the King inspected the graduates who later marched in front of the royal stand. The commander of the college made a speech welcoming the King and voicing the college's pride in the leadership of King Hussein and appreciation for his patronising the ceremony.

After awarding the graduates their wings, the King distributed prizes to those excelling in their training course. Later the graduates took the oath before the King and sang the anthem of the Royal Jordanian Air Force.

King Hussein then watched an air show and a display of Tae Kwon Do.

The ceremony was attended by Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, Armed Forces Commander in Chief General Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, high ranking army officers, the commander of the Royal Jordanian Air Force and relatives of the graduates.

Princess Basma opens social, community centre in Hashemia

ZAR JA (Petra) — Her Royal Highness Princess Basma Thursday opened a social and community centre run by the local branch of the General Federation of Jordanian Women in Hashemia, Zarqa Governorate.

Princess Basma toured the centre's sections and inspected the facilities for offering training in typing, dress-making and other handicrafts. She also visited a kindergarten at the centre.

Later the Princess distributed diplomas to 40 female graduates who have completed courses in embroidery, flower arranging and typing.

The president of the local women federation's branch made a speech on the occasion reviewing the achievements of the federation and its activities in Hashemia, Sukhna, Azraq and Gharisa, all in Zarqa Governorate. The mayor of Hashemia was among the invited guests at the opening ceremony.

Hamzeh inspects health centres, services in the Jordan Valley

SOUTH SHUNEH (Petra) — Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh said here Thursday that studies are being conducted for establishing a nursing training institute in Salt to train enough nurses and midwives to meet local needs.

Speaking during a tour of the Jordan Valley region, the minister said that the Health Ministry will take into account the density of the population and the remoteness of settlements from major medical centres when implementing its health programmes and when planning to carry out health projects in the Kingdom.

Dr. Hamzeh's inspection tour took him first to the health centre at South Shuneh where he held a meeting with Balqa Governor Mithqal Al Kureisha, the director of health, the local district governor and other senior officials.

The minister was briefed on the health situation in the region and the needs of the various medical and health centres. He promised to upgrade the South Shuneh health centre into an integrated hospital.

Later the minister visited health centres in Karameh, Rawda and Sweimeh where he met with staff and was briefed on the health services provided to local communities.

At the town of Al Jofeh in the Jordan Valley, the minister opened a health centre which offers medical examinations, midwifery, inoculation and pharmacy services. The centre has been built by the ministry on a piece of land provided by the town's council.

Training centre organises first regional seminar on poultry

AMMAN (J.T.) — Minister of Agriculture Ahmed Dakqao and Italian Ambassador to Jordan Luigi Amaduzzi will address the opening session of the Regional Poultry Training and Development Centre for the Near East's first regional seminar, which begins Sunday at the Tyche Hotel in Amman.

During the two-day conference papers will be presented on poultry feed quality control, with emphasis on non-traditional feed ingredients, availability of feed resources, feed formulation, minimum-cost diets, problems confronting feed manufacturers and poultry management.

The poultry training centre was established earlier this year through a government cooperative programme arranged by the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation and sponsored by the government of Italy.

Distinctive monument to mark a very special event

By Josephine Zamaniri
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — His Majesty King Hussein's 50th birthday celebrations have prompted the initiation of many beneficial events and long-term projects all over the country, but perhaps one of the most exciting legacies of the recent festivities will be the Amman Chamber of Industry's gift to the capital to mark the occasion — a sculpture for the Second Circle.

The chamber, whose premises are located near the circle, wanted to give the city an artwork that included a fountain as well as representing industry and accordingly a competition was organised. Out of the 15 entrants, the design by Jordan's leading sculptor, Samer Tahba'a took the prestigious first prize.

Tahba'a's scheme is ingenious and impressive in its simplicity, consisting as it does of a massive stone wheel some five metres in diameter and of a "chadar" or carved water chute, whose design is based on one of the most distinctive elements found in a traditional Islamic garden.

The wheel, which represents, of course, one of man's first and most significant steps towards inventing machines to help him with his daily tasks, will be built up of layers of rough and smooth stone — Tahba'a's true medium — up to a thickness of around one metre. Once in place, complete with the landscaping and the chadar, over which the water will pour as a bright foamy sheet catching and throwing back the light, this sculpture with its monumental yet satisfying proportions will surely leave a lasting impact on all who see it. It is hoped that the project will be completed by June 1986.



Sudanese women and children at the Jordanian hospital in Kas (Petra photo).

Sudanese city thanks Jordan for medical, relief assistance

KHARTOUM (Petra) — The citizens and residents of Kas in the Western province of Sudan Darfur have expressed their appreciation and gratitude to His Majesty King Hussein and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan for their pan-Arab initiative and generosity for providing medical assistance to the drought and famine victims in Sudan.

The city of Kas where the Jordanian medical team has established a health centre and hospital for the drought and famine victims which has been called the "Jordanian Hospital of Kas."

In appreciation of Jordan's efforts and in thanks for the Kingdom's contributions to Sudan, the inhabitants of Kas organised a public rally upon the arrival of Prince Hassan's representative last week aboard a Jordanian plane carrying vital medical supplies to the victims of drought. The residents of Kas hailed King Hussein and Prince Hassan and held notices and placards carrying the words "Long Live the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan under the leadership of King Hussein, Kas congratulates King Hussein on his 50th birthday, long live Arab solidarity and we bless Jordanian-Sudanese relations."

Another official ceremony was held at the main yard in the city of Kas, where people delivered speeches expressing thanks to King Hussein and Prince Hassan for their active help. Representatives of the city presented Mr. Ahmad Dakqao, Prince Hassan's representative and Minister of Agriculture, with a pure-bred Arab horse as a token gift in appreciation of the services rendered to them by the Jordanian medical team and the Jordanian people.

Jordan has to date sent four planes loaded with medical supplies to Sudan, in addition to cooling equipment and electric generators to enable the medical team to operate the hospital efficiently. The team operates in a previously derelict hospital which was restored and is being maintained by the team. The hospital is currently treating about 1,500 patients.

Speaking about the Jordanian medical team's duties and responsibilities, the team's chairman Sami Abdul Rahman said that the team has contributed to minimising the severity of many common diseases, particularly malaria, respiratory infections and tuberculosis. Dr. Abdul Rahman added that he has submitted proposals for improving the health conditions in this area and to eradicate transmitted and infectious diseases and to set up development projects for the benefit of the local citizens.

In an interview with the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, Sudanese Minister of Health Hassan Abu Saleh paid tribute to His Majesty King Hussein and praised Prince Hassan's initiative to aid Sudan. He also paid tribute to the work of the Jordanian medical team which, he said, works hard to treat and help the Sudanese people. He described the restoration and maintenance of the hospital by the Jordanian team as a reconstruction revolution and thanked them for their services.

Darfour Province Governor Ibrahim Mohammad Ibrahim praised Jordanian-Sudanese relations and expressed appreciation to the Jordanian medical team who, he said, have turned a derelict hospital in Kas city into an operational one which now receives well over 1,000 patients. "Jordan's initiative in support of the Sudanese people should be documented in the history of the Arab World," he said and went on to express the hope that the Jordanian medical team will continue to operate in the Sudanese city of Kas in order to improve the living conditions of the Sudanese people in the area.

Other senior Sudanese officials stressed the great importance of Jordan's assistance in the medical and nutritional fields and thanked the Kingdom for its humanitarian efforts.

Arab dentists urge support for colleagues in occupied territories

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Arab Dentists Federation (ADF) Thursday concluded its four-day meeting in Amman and adopted a number of decisions with the aim of supporting dentists who are currently being subjected to torture in the occupied Arab territories. The meeting also called on all humanitarian organisations and institutions to intervene and to try and annul a decision made by the Israeli occupation authorities to deport Dr. Azmi Al Shueibi.

Participants also called on Arab governments to intervene to nullify this decision and oppressive measures practised by the Israeli occupation authorities against Arab inhabitants in the occupied territories. They also called for supporting the steadfastness of dentists in the occupied Arab territories.

Participants discussed the reports prepared by various committees and listened to a briefing by Dr. Ismail Al Khour, chairman of the committee in charge of unifying terms used in dentistry and the Arabisation of new terms. They also discussed a proposal to readmit the Egyptian Dentists' Association to the membership of the ADF.

Dr. Nsour said in the economic

Kana'an condemns Israeli policy to evict Palestinians

Minister describes malpractices in occupied territories as U.N. marks Day of Solidarity with Palestinians

AMMAN (Petra) — Friday marked the Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people and on the occasion Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Taher Kana'an said that this year's anniversary falls at a time when Israel is continuing to pursue its drive to evict the remaining Palestinian people from their homeland.



Taher Kana'an

In a message issued yesterday, the minister said the United Nations General Assembly called on world governments in 1977 to observe a day for solidarity with the Palestinian people in manifestation of the international community's sympathy with and support for the Palestinian people still suffering under Israeli rule. This decision was taken to re-emphasise the existence and rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination and freedom, the minister said. But, he added, as the world continues to show its solidarity, Jordan has been sharing the Palestinian tragedy and has been showing its total support for and extending assistance to the Palestinian people in a genuine display of solidarity in word and deed.

In his message on the occasion, Dr. Kana'an said that Jordan strives to reveal to the whole world the deteriorating conditions of the Palestinian people under Israeli rule over the past 18 years of occupation. "Israel has not only occupied Arab territories, but since 1967 it has been intent on carrying out systematic measures designed to change its character and to Judaize the Arab lands by evicting the Arab people from Palestine and depriving them of their basic rights," Dr. Kana'an said. For most among those affected by these measures, he continued, are the residents of the refugee camps, many of whom have been forced to abandon their homes and who have finally been evicted from their territory.

In its drive to help the Palestinians, Jordan has adopted a policy under which Palestinians and Jordanians are treated alike and at all levels, he said, pointing out that Jordan maintains open bridges with the West Bank to help the Palestinian people to move and to find work on both sides of the River Jordan. Jordan also purchases industrial and agricultural products from the occupied Arab territories, the minister continued. He added that Jordanians and Palestinians have been living as one family and, together they have been sharing everything.

to deport Palestinians from their homeland.

Over the past 18 years, the Israeli authorities have confiscated nearly 2.7 million dunums of Palestinian land out of a total of 5.5 million and this land has been used for building more colonies the number of which now stands at 303, the minister pointed out.

Dr. Kana'an said that the Israeli government has deported 3,055 Palestinians, demolished 1,419 Arab homes and imprisoned 7,941 Arab citizens in addition to imposing house arrest on more than 200 others in total disregard of human rights and international principles.

Reports submitted to the United Nations by numerous international missions sent to investigate the situation in the occupied Arab regions have revealed the barbaric methods and inhuman treatment of the Arab people by the Israeli authorities, the minister said. These reports, he added, have also revealed the number of national educational and health institutions arbitrarily closed down by the Israeli authorities.

Jordan, Romania sign cooperation protocol

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan and Romania Thursday signed a protocol on bilateral cooperation in economic, technical and cultural fields. The protocol was signed by the Ministers of Planning from both countries, Dr. Abdullah Nsour and Mr. Ion Constantinescu. The signing followed several days of talks by teams from both sides who discussed joint ventures as well as cooperation in economic and trade affairs, according to Dr. Nsour.

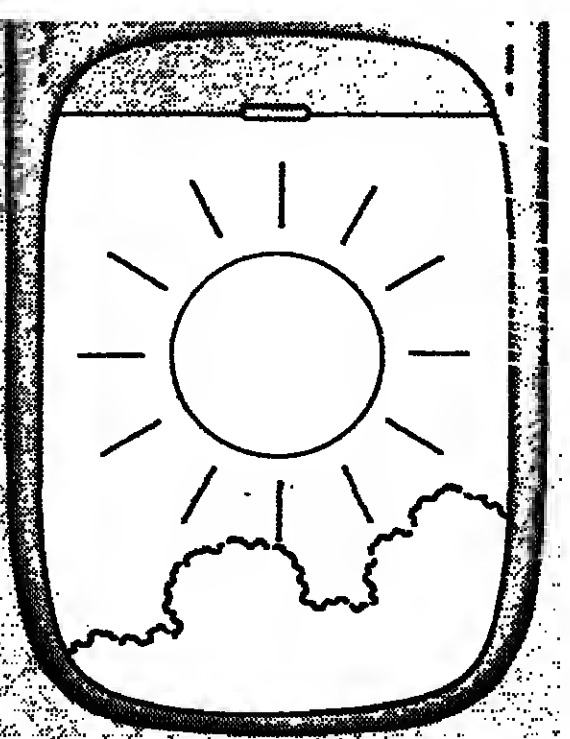
Dr. Nsour said in the economic and technical fields both sides reviewed projects being implemented in Jordan with Romanian assistance, such as the third expansion project at the Jordan Petroleum Refinery Company, oil prospecting and electricity projects.

In trade, the two sides agreed to take measures designed to diversify and increase the volume of products exchanged by the two countries, Dr. Nsour pointed out. He said Romania will import 900,000 tonnes of Jordanian products and has agreed to discuss the possibility of importing 50,000 tonnes of Jordanian potash annually.

In the educational and cultural fields, the two countries discussed matters pertaining to Jordanian students in Romania and the prospect of increasing the number of Romanian scholarships.

Both sides agreed to hold another meeting of the Jordanian-Romanian committee in Bucharest during the last quarter of 1986, Dr. Nsour added.

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ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Friday's

Al Ra'i: Solidarity with the Palestinians

THE anniversary of the 'Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People' this year coincides with an intensification of Israeli efforts to prevent peace from coming to our area and prevent any return of the rights of the Palestinian people. The anniversary this year witnesses Israel's determined efforts to thwart all initiatives for holding an international conference to guarantee peace and to ensure the rights of the Palestinians. But this anniversary also witnesses an improvement in inter-Arab relations and a hardening of Soviet stands in the face of Israel's aggressive and inhuman actions as well as a better understanding of Arab just causes on the part of the European nations. The Arab countries have started making preparations for a mobilisation of all resources and efforts to reestablish solidarity among them and to work in concert towards regaining their rights and their lands. It should be said on this occasion that no matter how firm Washington stands behind its Israeli ally it can not stop world nations from lending support for the Arabs in their struggle to regain their legitimate rights. This is a useful occasion for the United States to reconsider its policies and take a more balanced stand vis-a-vis the Middle East conflict, and help establish genuine peace.

Al Dustour: Stop Israeli aggression

NOV. 29 is the day assigned by the United Nations to show solidarity with the Palestinian people in accordance with resolutions passed by the world organisation in 1977. The occasion has been set with the purpose of reminding the world of the tragedy of the Palestinian people that have been deprived of rights and lands by the Israeli colonialists over the past 38 years. This day also serves as a reminder that the United Nations had issued a resolution on the partition of Palestine in 1947 but was since completely ignored by Israel and its allies. Over the past years, Zionism and world colonialism have worked hard to obliterate the Palestine case from the minds of the world population, but the Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People aims at keeping this case alive in the minds of everyone. This solidarity day should serve as an incentive for international organisations to take speedy measures for removing injustice and restoring the rights of the Palestinian people in their own homeland. What is needed is practical steps that can guarantee these rights and what is required is an immediate stop of all support for Israel's aggression on the Arab nation.

Sawt Al Shaab: Welcoming Mr. Kasm

SYRIAN Prime Minister Abdul Rauf Al Kasm is due in Amman in the coming week for talks with Jordanian leaders on issues of concern to the two countries. Both countries have common interests and their joint efforts are basic elements for a consolidated Arab stand with the purpose of confronting the Zionist enemy and its allies. Jordan and Syria are required to forge a strong unified stand in the face of common challenges, and to help build a strong basis for Arab economic and social structure. There can be no progress in all these efforts unless Jordan and Syria concert their actions and joint endeavours. Jordan has served as a focus for attracting all Arab efforts and for pooling all Arab resources for the common good. We welcome the Syrian prime minister's visit and hope that the talks will be crowned with success.

Thursday's

Al Ra'i: Arms for peace

WASHINGTON'S decision to delay the sale of U.S. arms to Jordan will not force Jordan to change its national policies neither will it make it accept Israel's terms and conditions for direct negotiations, which the delay aims to achieve. There should not be any link between the arms deal and the negotiations for peace which Jordan is keen to bring about and seeks to achieve through an international conference. Jordan will insist on such conference for reaching a settlement and will not succumb to Israel's conditions. Regardless of Washington's refusal to supply it with its requirements of weapons to defend itself, Jordan will pursue all efforts to acquire these weapons from other sources and will continue to pursue its national policies and to work for peace. The Reagan administration, while denying Jordan of its necessary weapons, continues to pour military equipment and all kinds of arms into Israel, encouraging it to pursue its aggressive policies and to obstruct peace efforts. It is Israel that should be denied weapons and military equipment because it continues to use them to strike on the Arabs and to perpetuate its occupation of their land. The words of praise by President Reagan for Jordan cannot substitute for arms and do not serve as a way to please us. Washington must do something to stem Israel's aggressive policies and evil designs which have lately emerged in the form of espionage within the United States itself. Denying Jordan the means to defend itself can by no way contribute towards the establishment of peace.

Al Dustour: Jordan's unifying role

KING Hussein spoke at the graduation of a new batch of officers from the Royal Staff Academy on Wednesday and said that the real cause behind the present tension in the Middle East lies in the continued usurpation of Palestinian people's rights and Israel's military power that maintains occupation of Arab Jerusalem. The King said that Jordan has over the years, sought a just and durable solution for the problem: a peace that can ensure the restoration of Arab lands and Arab rights usurped since 1967. Jordan, he added, sought also to build up its intrinsic strength and to bolster its relations and all forms of cooperation with other Arab countries, and still exerts tremendous efforts to mobilise Arab potentials and resources in line with the principles of the Great Arab Revolt. King Hussein said Jordan is pleased to see its efforts have begun to bear fruits and that signs are emerging that Arab countries are making serious efforts to improve their relations and to end their differences. Jordan is proud to see its policies achieving success and helping to bring about reconciliation among Arab states.

Debate over Europe's future coming to a head

By Youssef Azmeh
Reuter

BRUSSELS — A European Community summit next week will bring to a head a tough debate on whether the bloc should forge a closer federal identity or continue to develop as a loose group of like-minded states with strong economic links.

But community diplomats and officials say the cards are already stacked against those who have been arguing since World War II for a united states of Europe which could stand as the world's third superpower alongside America and the Soviet Union.

"The sovereign state continues to thrive," said one senior community negotiator. "Even the most enthusiastic Europeans now realise there is little chance of submerging it in a united states of Europe."

The current debate over the bloc's future was launched at its summit in Milan last June, which

ordered an investigation into possible treaty changes to come into force before Spain and Portugal join next year, the first such exercise since the group's founding treaty was signed in Rome in 1957.

Community diplomats say the Luxembourg summit on December 2-3 is also the last chance to get a deal before the group's enlargement and a series of national elections. They say it took the community 28 years to open the debate formally and believe the opportunity for change may not come again for many years.

Starting with the French general election in March, a string of national polls is likely to divert attention from EC affairs and prevent national governments from making the compromises necessary for consensus, a precondition for treaty change.

The Milan decision, taken in the face of strong opposition from Britain, Denmark and Greece — all relative latecomers to the bloc

(Britain and Denmark joined in 1973, Greece in 1981) — was hailed at the time as a breakthrough towards greater union.

The three countries have participated fully in the talks so far but remain sceptical about the need for a treaty change. They argue that the Treaty of Rome has adequate provisions to improve and streamline the workings of the community if the political will were there to implement them.

It is not the first time that the community, created after World War II to help reconcile Western Europe's warring nations and establish strong links to counter what they saw as the Communist threat from Eastern Europe, has toyed with the idea of greater political unity.

The last major push was in a plan for a treaty of European union, proposed earlier this decade by West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher and then Italian Foreign Minister

Emilio Colombo.

After two years of discussion, it finally ended as a vaguely worded and toothless "solemn declaration" issued at the community's Stuttgart summit in June 1983. It simply pledged the bloc's 10 member nations to work for greater union.

Diplomats said that since the Milan summit, the most notable result of extensive discussions between ministers and other senior officials has been the refusal of larger states such as France and West Germany to concede any meaningful power to supra-national European institutions.

This means, in effect, that they have joined Britain, Denmark and Greece in opposing major change.

Proposals to strengthen central bodies of European integration like the directly-elected European Parliament and the European Commission, the group's executive, have practically foundered on opposition from those states, diplomats said.

National governments, jealous of ceding prerogatives to the central institutions, are even proposing the creation of new parallel bodies to dilute the already strictly limited powers of the parliament and commission.

No-one is talking any longer of the need to scrap the so-called "Luxembourg compromise".

Used by Bonn earlier this year to block a proposed cut in cereals prices, the "compromise" allows a nation to veto any decision after declaring it a matter of vital national interest.

The commission has proposed inserting a clause in the treaty for the creation of a "Europe without frontiers" by 1992, the target set by the Milan summit for completing the Common Market.

But the proposal has fallen by the wayside after a chorus of denunciations. Some charged it would allow the free circulation of terrorists and drugs. Others that it could bring rabies into protected

islands such as Britain and Ireland, or that it could not be enforced as long as nations retained their right to veto.

They say the Treaty of Rome spoke of the abolition of obstacles to the freedom of movement of goods, persons and services within a maximum of 14 years, but the goal remains a dream 28 years later, even though much else has been achieved.

Diplomats said that the biggest slap in the face for the European federalists was France's decision to launch its Eureka drive for a European high-technology revolution outside the framework of the community.

Most ministers and diplomats who have taken part in the treaty reform talks so far believe an agreement is possible in Luxembourg if the more ambitious Europeans such as the Italians and the Benelux states — Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg — are willing to scale down their hopes.

Malta assault set to improve U.S.-Egypt ties

By Michael Battye
Reuter

WASHINGTON — Egypt's assault that ended the Malta hijack, bloody though it was, will probably cement a marked improvement in relations with the United States, which were damaged by American force-landing of an Egyptian airliner involved in the Achille Lauro affair, U.S. officials say.

Only last month Washington and Cairo exchanged bitter words when Egypt allowed Palestinian leader Muhammad Abbas and four guerrillas to leave Cairo after the hijacking of the Italian cruise ship. The United States accused Abbas of masterminding the raid.

The interception by U.S. planes of the Egyptian airliner carrying Abbas — ironically the same aircraft hijacked to Malta last Saturday — equally infuriated Egypt.

Washington has praised Egypt for storming the aircraft, despite the deaths of 59 people on board.

U.S. officials said Egypt had made diligent efforts to repair links with Washington since the Achille Lauro affair, in which an elderly, wheelchair-bound American was killed.

"I have the feeling that the crisis in Malta has very much strengthened our relations. Crises do that," one official said.

The United States expressed sympathy for the difficult decision Egypt and Malta made to end the hijacking and has resolutely refused to criticise the Egyptian commandos who made the assault.

The officials said Washington, particularly through its embassy in Cairo, was in constant touch with the Egyptian government throughout the crisis, which started when the Egyptian plane was hijacked 10 minutes after it left Athens.

The State Department has said publicly it offered all appropriate assistance to both Egypt and Malta to end the crisis but has refused to specify what aid it had in mind.

President Hosni Mubarak, however, disclosed that the United States, along with France and Britain, had offered troops trained to end hijacks.

The officials would not discuss aid and refused comment on American press reports that U.S. military aircraft were alerted to intercept the plane if it took off from Malta.

"We had mutual interests in this crisis and Egypt's tough action reinforced those interests, even though it didn't go as well as we would have hoped," one official said.

One American was killed by the hijackers before the Egyptian assault and two survived despite being shot.

The officials said Egypt had worked hard to contain the long-term effects of the Achille Lauro row despite the public bitterness.

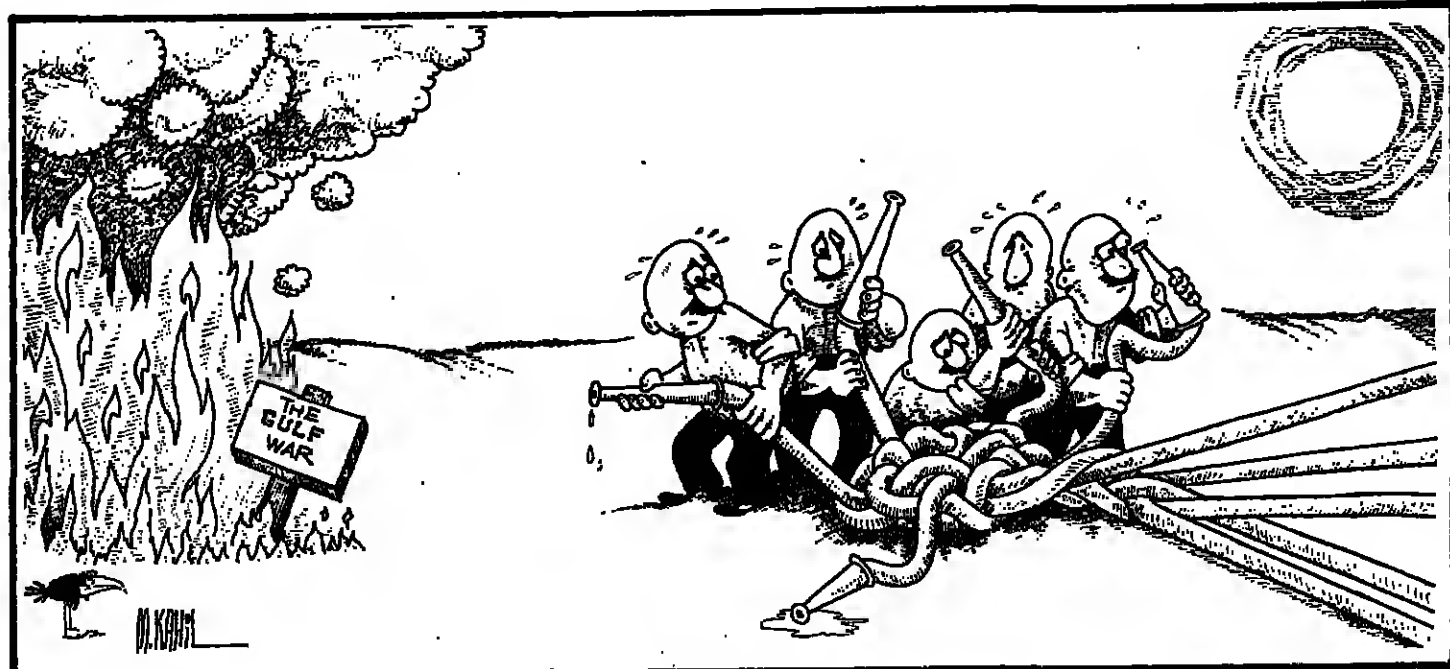
They said that among the manifestations of that effort were Mubarak's talks with Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) chief Yasser Arafat in Cairo this month that resulted in a PLO repudiation of terrorism outside Israeli-occupied territories.

Mubarak also refused Libyan exhortations to break diplomatic relations with Israel after an Israeli air attack on the PLO headquarters near Tunis last month.

At the same time, Mubarak has strongly reinforced Egypt's commitment to the 1979 Camp David accords that led to a separate peace treaty and the establishment of relations with Israel.

He has also offered to resume talks with Israel over Taba, an Israeli-held strip of land in the Sinai peninsula which has been a source of friction, the officials added.

"If you believe in the triangular relationship (between the United States, Israel and Egypt), as I do, then you see how important these moves are to our bilateral relations," one official said.



Young Libyans turn to politics

By Kate Dourian
Reuter

TRIPOLI — Every day at sunset, young Libyan men converge on street corners or cruise around in cars. They have nowhere to go for entertainment.

There are no cinemas, theatres or amusement centres in Tripoli since Colonel Muammar Qadhafi launched a campaign in 1973 to destroy all "imported ideologies" in a cultural revolution.

He had already banned alcohol and closed nightclubs when he first toppled the pro-western monarchy four years earlier.

Qadhafi plans to build new sports stadia to keep youngsters off the streets. In the meantime, politics fill the gap.

With no leisure outlets, more and more young Libyans — men and women — are turning to revolutionary ideology as a means of expression. Tripoli-based diplomats say.

There is a research centre in Tripoli where young Libyans interpret Qadhafi's "Third Universal Theory", embodied in his green book of religious and political philosophy.

Revolutionary themes have been put to lyrics and the information bureau in Tripoli hands out taped cassettes of pop-style revolutionary songs in English with titles such as "The Green March" and "Jamahiriya Girl."

Revolutionary slogans are everywhere — on lamp posts, plant pots, ashtrays, even on the freshly-painted barricades outside Qadhafi's headquarters at Bah El Azizia barracks.

The revolution brought Libya's two million people under a system of local people's committees represented in a 1,347-member general people's congress, the equivalent of a parliament.

Overseeing the process and ensuring that revolutionary dogma is strictly observed are the revolutionary committees, watchdog bodies run by young partisans.

The committees have gradually gained power and young ideologues are moving into the secretariats — successors to ministries which were banned by Qadhafi.

A Libyan official says at least half a dozen secretaries (ministers) are expected to be voted out at the next annual session of the congress in February. He says they will probably be replaced by young ideologues.

Libyan women, while required to conform to an Islamic code of behaviour, are encouraged to participate in the revolutionary scheme. Military training is compulsory for both sexes.

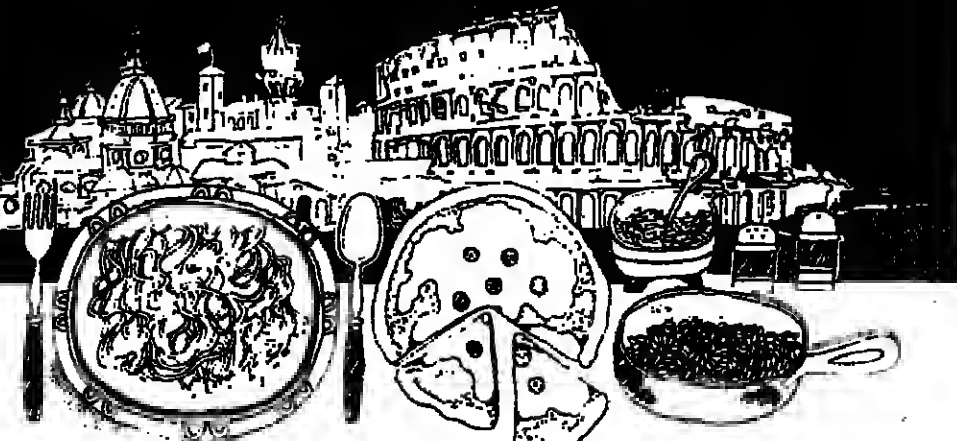
It is not unusual to see veiled women mingling with young girls in battle fatigues at public gatherings.

Libya's young people have little contact with foreigners in their own country. Soon after seizing power, Qadhafi ordered the confiscation of all land and property owned by Italians in this former Italian colony. The Italians ran hotels, restaurants and shops in Libya.

Unlike other countries on Africa's Mediterranean coast, oil-producing Libya has had no tourist industry since the revolution.

But that could change as the oil glut hits. Diplomats say the Libyans are building a second five-star hotel in Tripoli and a tourist hotel is in final stages of completion.

There was no pressing economic need to develop a tourist industry during the oil boom years but revenue from sales of crude are down to \$9 billion from a peak of \$22 billion in 1980.

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Channel 6 preview

Lucky dip on Channel 6

By J.H. Boteler

OH GROAN, oh Gordon Bennett. Here we go again. Forget about the last-minute decision to screen *The Message* an hour later than promised. (You say you declined a dinner invitation in order to see the scheduled 9.10 start? Silly you). What about *Sense and Sensibility*? As late as noon last Thursday week. JTV Promotions section were confidently talking about that series starting that evening. But was it in fact shown? Nope. (Once again I have to stress that the promotion people themselves are blameless. Unless you can blame them for their touching belief in what they are told. The poor souls are beginning to look distinctly glassy-eyed, and have taken to uttering little hysterical cries of mirth at odd moments). No, it's the Big Cheese I'm talking about. The guys to whom such concepts as customer service and forward planning are about as alien as flying saucers filled with little green men. What can one do about these people? (Actually, several courses of action spring to mind, but they are all highly illegal). I am reminded of that rather chilling remark by Larry Speakes recently: "Those who talk don't know what's going on; and those who know what's going on, aren't talking." It's like hitting your head against a brick wall; and like that pointless exercise, it tends to result in permanent brain damage. However, I think I have found the solution. I shall preface my column with the sort of disclaimer usually found in books: "All programmes and times mentioned in this column are entirely fictional. Any resemblance to actual programmes and times during the coming week is purely coincidental." Yes, I think that should do it. So, what has the fantasy farm got to say this week?

Comedies

It's Your Move, (tonight), has Matthew Barton continuing in his attempt to destroy civilisation as we know it, in the second part of the very aptly-named "Dregs Of Humanity". Sunday sees the welcome return of *Chance In A Million*, in which dear old Tom gets into the most bizarre situations and still manages to keep his head by drinking copious amounts of lager at a truly amazing speed. This week's surprises include a free gift of an 'O' level in Portuguese, strange demands from the Inland Revenue, and an irate Uncle Matteo. A fine comedy, which frequently soars into realms of surreal lunacy. Let's face it: Any programme that comes up with the likes of Mandy Rice Davies, as the last episode did, has to be a cut above the ordinary. (For those of you who don't know the aforementioned, ahem, lady, is, ask your Dad about the Christine Keeler/Profumo Scandal). You will be pleased to learn that this episode, "The Taxman Cometh" is the first in the six-part second series. Also making a triumphant comeback, after an absence of several weeks, is the excellent *Three-Up, Two Down*, on Monday, in which Sam and Daphne continue their mutual hate-campaign. Tuesday sees the start of a new comedy series, *That's My Boy* in which Mollie Sugden plays Ida Willis, a demanding and determined domestic help, who, after alighting on the home of a young doctor and his attractive model wife, makes the remarkable discovery that the doctor is none other than her own son, whom she had adopted as a baby after an indiscretion in her earlier life. Wednesday, of course, has *Three's Company*, and an episode, entitled "Teacher's Pet", in which Jack conducts a cookery class and finds himself harassed by one of his students. Is the student in question male, and cursed with acne? Or is she female, and blessed with the sort of face the launched a thousand pancakes? Don't bother to answer that question, please. Thursday has *Emergency Room*, which this week gets lots of laughs from the humorous situation in which Dr. Shinefield extracts a bullet from a woman's hand. Finally there is *Sara* on Friday, in which a man is in amorous pursuit of the heroine. Obviously a bit of a dimwit, this guy, Sara is fairly pleasant to look at, but oh dear, when she opens her mouth: Nag, nag, groan, moan, preach, preach. Sara manages to give the misguided fool the elbow in a polite way. (or so I'm told), which is his good-luck.

Documentaries

"Would you buy a used car from this man?" goes the rhetorical question. Well, tonight's episode of *Automania* takes a look at the sort of man who sells used cars, and the methods used. Men such as Sidney car dealer John L., who once dived off a 60 foot tower into 10 feet of water when a customer said that was the only way he would clinch a deal, and who also once took an elephant as part-exchange on a car. In Brazil, where credit is so scarce, cars are sold through a lottery system, and in Japan it's the good old foot-in-the-door technique. Of course, the gullibility of the buying public has to be taken into account, especially when you consider the amazing success in sales generated by Henry Ford's line of sales-talk: "You can have any colour you like, as long as it's black." Sunday's *The Way Of The Warrior* this week looks at King Fu, which owes its world-wide popularity largely to Bruce Lee. It will be interesting to see how true to life the films were, at least in one respect. In the one I saw recently, "Fist Of Death" or some such fun title, Bruce, as he whirled into action, sounded like a colony of demoted Tom cats. Wednesday's episode of *Connections* is "Faith In Numbers". Apparently though, it is not, as one would logically assume, about the growth of mathematics from the simple, cheap, and highly efficient Abacus to the highly complex, expensive, and unreliable Number Cruncher Computers, but instead it is about

the growth of satellites and communications, traced from Roman times to the present day. Then again, I wouldn't be so sure.

Drama and detectives

Mourn ye not the passing of *Hotel* on Sundays, because sailing from out of the sunset with orchestra playing comes *Love Boat*. Fun and games this time concern a female singer hired to provide on-board Caharet, who falls ill, and her part is taken by a male actor in drag. Doubtless that incredible buffoon Gofer will fall head-over-heels in love with him. As for *The Secret Of The Black Dragon*, on Tuesday, well, words fail me. No, I tell a lie, they do not, but I think you get my general drift. I must admit that I only managed to see the first half of last week's opening episode. (all I want for Christmas is a VIDEO), but the myriad delights that had to offer. First of all, there is the wondrous cast of characters. Apart from the brace of stern Mongolian heavies, who speak nary a word, (thereby reducing the production value bill), and spend their time plonking arrows into peoples' backs there is impetuous and romantic Wolf, and the love of his life, dewy-eyed Nadja. Presumably he did manage to rescue her from the lascivious grasp of the stereo-typical vulgar, grizzled old she was betrothed to, and in future episodes they will spend long hours gazing wistfully into each others eyes. Furthermore, I

Tonight

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Automania..... 09:10
Varieties..... 09:30
Feature film: *Stepbro And Son Ride Again (Part 2)*..... 10:20

Sunday

Chance In A Million..... 08:30
Way Of The Warrior..... 09:10
Love Boat..... 10:20

Monday

Three Up, Two Down..... 08:30
Bergara..... 09:10
Murder, She Wrote..... 10:20

Tuesday

That's My Boy (New series)..... 08:30
The Secret Of The Black Dragon..... 09:10
Feature film: *Death Among Friends*..... 10:20

Wednesday

Three's Company..... 08:30
Connections..... 09:10
Remington Steele..... 10:20

Thursday

Emergency Room..... 08:30
Scene Of Crime..... 09:30
Varieties..... 09:30
Feature film: *Licence To Kill*..... 10:20

Friday

Sara..... 08:30
Missing from home..... 09:10
Magnum..... 10:20

San displays his sartorial taste in pyjamas in *Three Up, Two Down*, Monday, 8:30

am willing to bet that she will manage to travel halfway around the world wearing the same pristine, spotless white dress and with a rose-husb stuck on her head. Then there is the Norman Teltit look-alike, Father Pereira. "I am not a monk; I am a Jesuit priest!" he foamed in rage last week, and anyone who has read James Joyce's "Portrait Of The Artist As A Young Man" or James Cavell's "Shogun" will know precisely what he meant by that. Finally there is our granite-faced Kilian von Roggenburg, head honcho of this merry band. He spent a lot of time in the first episode shaking his head and tut-tutting at the antics of the foreign folks he encountered. First off he was very disapproving over some poor woman getting harboured at the stake. (Future delights include dismemberment, disembowlement, and the demonstration of the theory, stated in the opening credits, that "Hanging won't hurt you much." I gather this has something to do with the fact that in order to take your mind off the discomfort of the hempen neck-tie, they first break every bone in your body. Very tasteful). Furthermore, Kilian was so outraged at the threatened nuptial fate of Nadja that he was moved to exclaim: "Is this how you treat your women in this country?"

Now I am no expert on medieval Germany, and it may have been a model of enlightened thought, but I somehow doubt it. My recollection of the history of the period is that the whole of Europe, without exception, in the days before bingo and football hooliganism, entertained itself by selling off its women into arranged marriages that as often as not amounted to slavery, and burning the ugly ones. I have a sneaking suspicion that what we are witnessing here is a parody, the message of which is somewhat along the lines of how non-sensical American capitalism can overcome the barbaric, outdated thinking of the hoodlacks, i.e., the rest of the world. Not so much muscular Christianity, more Rambo deep thought. This week they arrive in Moscow, and are not welcome. I am not at all surprised.

Friday has *Missing From Home*, and more shocks and surprises for the put-upon heroine. Detectives abound more than usual. To start with, there are the incredibly intellect-stretching demands made by, variously, *Murder She Wrote* on Monday, and *Scene Of Crime* on Thursday. Friday has the goofy rumbustious approach of *Magnum*, (a sort of Whodunnit's answer to *Ian Horn*), and on Wednesday *Remington Steele* zoom into action again. This week *Remington* himself, (to use his false name), is having a birthday party. Nothing big, just a few hundred guests, the moved hands of the Brigade of Guards, and a couple of female dancers, whom someone attempts to bump off. *Remington* and *Lauri* take up the chase. Whoever the villain is, he or she must be a bit of a homebody. What a time to choose to try and kill someone. It reminds me of all those chinless wonders in England over the last fifty-odd years, who sat around nursing terrible grievances, and only began producing the cyanide and wielding blunt instruments or ornamental daggers when Monsieur Hercule Poirot was one of the house guests. Complete numskulls. I've saved *Bergara*, (Monday), till last because if you think that "Black Dragon" has a tendency towards the sanguinary, you ain't seen nothing yet. A glass-bottomed tourist boat is cruising serenely along the Jersey coast. "There, ladies and gentlemen, is a fine example of a school of Angel fish, and there is a Conga Eel, and there is... weechh, harf, gag... the decomposed body of a German pilot". And that is only the beginning. "Oh, Jeem, it was terrible. His empty eyes, his grinning jaws, his... Oh dear Frankie, sounds a bit rough. Here, perhaps some raw liver will set you right".

Feature films

It would appear that I stand corrected. Although I have yet to see Thursday night's offering, Saturday's, (tonight), has *Stepbro And Son Ride Again, Part Two*. If the film really is that long, then it does not bode well for its quality. The whole effect of situational comedy is the way it is condensed into thirty minutes. To stretch it over a couple of hours means, perforce, stretching the jokes and humour till they are so transparent as to be practically non-existent. A sad waste of good talent. Tuesday's offering is *Death Among Friends*, a made-for-TV 1975 effort, starring Jack Cassidy and Kate Read as Mrs. R., who investigates strange goings-on in a Beverly Hills mansion. Thursday has a French 1964 movie called *Licence To Kill*, and is all about the trial of a driver who runs over and kills a young female high-school graduate. Well, that's that for this week. Only one question remains. I wonder what programmes JTV are actually going to screen.

'Americans spy for money not ideals'

By Christopher Hanson
Reuters

WASHINGTON — A rash of recent spy scandals in the United States shows the dollar has supplanted ideology as the main motive for espionage, officials say. But revenge and a hunger for excitement may play a supporting role, some private experts believe.

Former U.S. intelligence officials attribute the secret-for-cash trend to pervasive cynicism and contempt for secrecy dating from the era of Vietnam war protests.

Three espionage arrests within the past week have capped a spate of cases in which Americans were accused of exchanging secrets for big payments from foreign powers.

A former communications specialist with the ultra-secret National Security Agency (NSA), Ronald Pelton, was arrested Monday on charges of selling sensitive data to the Soviet Union.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) says his price was \$35,000 over five years.

Last Friday the FBI arrested navy intelligence analyst Jonathan Pollard and retired Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) analyst Larry Wu-Tai Chin, who were accused of spying for Israel and China respectively.

The FBI said Pollard's price was \$40,000 to \$50,000, and that Chin had received about \$140,000 since 1948.

The only connection between the three cases was that each payment was made according to a handwritten note by an assistant attorney general, Stephen Trott.

He told reporters U.S. spies "are doing it for the buck."

A spokesman for the Senate Intelligence Committee, who asked not to be identified, contrasted today's predominant money motive with the 1950's when convicted traitors such as "Atom spies" Julius and Ethel Rosenberg had strong Marxist sympathies.

"The ideologues have become mercenaries — didn't Julius sell out for 30 pieces of silver?" he said.

Other Americans accused of spying for money over the past year include:

— Former CIA officer Edward Howard, said by the FBI to have sold data to the Kremlin which

may have led to the execution of a U.S. agent. Howard eluded the FBI in September and is believed to have fled the country. The FBI did not say how much money he received.

— Former navy warrant officer John Walker, his brother Arthur, an ex-navy officer, and John's son Michael, a seaman aboard an aircraft carrier. The Walkers received hundreds of thousands of dollars for passing sensitive data to Moscow, according to the FBI.

Arthur Walker has been sentenced to life in prison, while the father and son, who pleaded guilty, await sentencing.

— Former FBI agent Richard Miller, accused of having accepted \$65,000 and sexual favours from a female Soviet agent in exchange for classified FBI documents while serving as a counter-intelligence officer. The jury was deadlocked in his first trial, and he faces a second.

— Thomas Cavanagh, one-time Northrop Corporation engineer, who confessed to trying to sell secret plans of the radar-eluding Stealth bomber to Soviet agents and was sentenced to life imprisonment last May.

Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger, reflecting the general feeling that ideology was not involved in these cases, said this week: "They don't seem to be any people who have been committed to the abolition of capitalism or anything of that kind — quite the contrary."

But former intelligence officers such as George Carver of Georgetown University caution that money may not be the sole motive in the recent rash of espionage.

Carver said John Walker and Pollard appeared to have a "James Bond" complex — a desire by people unhappy in humdrum jobs to lead an exciting life.

Officials said Christopher Boyce, convicted of selling sensitive spy satellite data in the late 1970's, had mixed motives — money and a desire to hit back at the United States for its supposed misconduct in Vietnam and elsewhere.

Howard, who had been fired from the CIA for misconduct, may have been seeking revenge, officials said.

Former CIA Director William Colby attributed the upsurge of spying for money partly to cynicism caused by news leaks.

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Shiraz poetry goes into war

By Hugh Pope
Reuters

SHIRAZ, Iran — Old Western guide books sing of the sweet grapes, pink roses and lyric poetry of this pretty south Iranian city. Nowadays, wine is prohibited, roses are scarce and the local newspaper's poetry corner is dedicated to Islam and the war.

The revolutionaries who have run Shiraz since 1979 would have no other way. Last week, they defied the earlier happy-go-lucky reputation of the city and ordered all female government employees to wear the chador (a black or patterned sheet that covers the whole body) at work — the strictest regulation on Islamic dress so far issued in Iran.

"We now call Shiraz the city of God's militants," a local woman said, smiling.

Life in Shiraz still has a relaxed and even poetic spirit. The people are friendly and in private express their feelings freely.

Most Iranians know at least part of the work of Iran's two greatest poets, Hafez and Saadi, who worked in Shiraz in mediaeval times and whose lyrical poems still inspire most modern Persian poets.

Critics say Hafez gave the purest expression to the Iranian soul. Westerners compare Hafez's "Ghazals" with the sonnets of William Shakespeare, and some Shirazis, when asked to describe their feelings about him, simply place a hand on their heart.

"Hafez's times were like ours, full of war, robberies, insecurity and religious fundamentalism," said a local poet. "That's why when we need solace, we look for it in Hafez's Divan (Book of Poetry)."

The two poets' shrines survived the revolution — tilework inscriptions attributing new buildings to the late Shah were backed out.

however. An old man, Hafez, who claims descent from the poet, sits in a rose garden by Hafez's tomb offering to detect visitors' fortunes from his verses, chosen at random from the Divan.

Shiraz's News of the South, lone successor to five pre-revolutionary newspapers, runs an occasional poetry corner in which amateurs may turn modern lines like "my flower takes its scent from the 'Joran', Islam's holy book. Or 'come, take wing like a dove, let's take up position in a front-line trench'.

The same poetic spirit moved, one Shirazi to couch in metaphorical idiom the government's "war, war to victory" slogan for the five-year-old conflict with Iraq. Sprayed onto a central park wall was the verse: "War, war until we reach the alley of the friend (God) and meet him."

Professors say Shiraz University, once internationally known, has cut down courses on Persian poets and literature to make way for Arabic and Islamic studies.

They say academic standards have inevitably fallen due to the government's reservation of 30 per cent of university places for members of families who sacrificed "martyrs" to the war.

The war has had a greater effect on Shiraz than on other Iranian cities away from the front lines. The city is teeming with refugees — residents say some 200,000 out of an estimated population of one million.

In the evening, the pavements are crowded with off-duty soldiers. Afghans, men in Arab dress and unemployed youth.

Tribepeople, especially local qashqa'i, add a spark of colour to the streets. The men wear trident-shaped felt hats and the women go shopping in lurid long

addresses, puffed up by layers of petticoats and heavily covered by daringly patterned chadors.

A recent survey shows that the population of migrating tribes has tripled since 1976, and other signs of a return to traditional ways are not hard to find.

Marriage before the age of 16 was forbidden before the revolution, but residents say some villagers in the mountains around Shiraz have gone back to marrying off their daughters shortly after puberty.

Chinese rule out sexy ads

By Mark O'Neill
Reuters

PEKING — China has said it would hold its first international advertising congress but ruled out sex appeal as a selling point in one of its fastest growing industries.

Ruan Jiageng, president of China International Advertising Corporation (CIAC), told a press conference the Third World advertising congress would be held in Peking next June, to be attended by more than 1,000 foreign delegates.

Its purpose was to introduce Chinese advertising and marketing to the outside world and adapt the latest foreign advertising techniques to China and the Third World, he said.

"The advertising industry in China is growing faster than any other in the world. It started from nothing in 1977 to a turnover of more than 300 million yuan (\$94 million) last year," he said.

He said that while the industry's basic purpose was, as in the West, to tell consumers of new products, China would strictly control it.

"We do not allow advertisers to use sex appeal to sell their goods. We are more reserved than people in the West. We are very careful

what influence ads have on society," he said.

All advertising was banned during the 1956-76 cultural revolution, but now advertisements — many of them from foreign firms — adorn the streets of China's large cities and television carries up to 20 minutes of ads a day.

The government announced recently a tightening of controls on advertising by foreign firms, who have said the Peking city government might order the removal of some of their hills from busy city thoroughfares.

The government said no slanderous propaganda, obscenity and superstition were allowed in advertising and wording must not be harmful to national dignity nor pander to low tastes.

A CIAC official said good advertising was one reason for the great popularity of Japanese consumer goods, whose billboards would be worst hit by a removal order.

"Some Japanese firms started advertising in China before their goods were available here. This was a far-sighted decision, which created in the public mind a favourable attitude towards their products," he said.

Iraqis storm past Syria on way to Mexico finals

BAHRAIN (R) — Iraq beat Syria 3-1 Friday in the second leg of their World Cup qualifier in Taif, Saudi Arabia, ensuring the team of a place in next year's Finals in Mexico.

Iraq, which led 1-0 at half-time after a scoreless draw in Damascus on Nov. 15, is the 23rd team to reach the Finals. The last place will be decided next Wednesday when Scotland defend a 2-0 lead against Australia in Melbourne. The sky over Baghdad was laced with thousands of bright red tracer bullets as Iraqis blasted away with "happy fire" to celebrate the country's first chance to compete in the Finals.

Friday's game, before 25,000 spectators, was played in Saudi Arabia instead of Baghdad. Iraq

and Syria are political foes ruled by rival factions of the Ba'ath Party. Syria also supports Iran in its war with Iraq. The game, televised in English and Arabic to more than 40 countries, was in sharp contrast with the cautious play that characterised the first leg in Damascus.

Iraq opened aggressively and scored in the 27th minute through striker Hussein Saeed.

Syria, which struggled throughout to keep play inside Iraqi territory, lost further ground in

the 48th minute when Shaker Mahmoud made it 2-0.

Syria's only score came with a penalty taken by Walid Abu Assel in the 54th minute.

This prompted a spirited Syrian drive, but Iraq kept control and scored again in the 71st minute when Khalil Allawi shot from 40 metres, bouncing the ball off a Syrian player and past goal-keeper Malek Shakouhi.

In a tribute to their Saudi Arabian hosts, the Iraqi team took a victory jog around the field hoisting the Saudi banner.

Seconds after the game ended, the sound of gunfire — a common form of celebration in the Arab World — could be heard throughout the Iraqi capital as tracer bullets lit the sky.

Seeds advance despite centre court controversy

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — John McEnroe unleashed a stinging attack on the quality of the Kooyong center court after slipping and sliding his way to a 6-4, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, second-round victory over South African Danie Visser in the \$1.5 million Australian Open tennis championships Friday.

The fiery left-hander was given a code violation for an audible obscenity and carried on a running argument with officials during the match of 2 hours and 23 minutes. McEnroe, 26, who was watched by girlfriend Tatum O'Neal, later said the court on the left side of the main arena was "without a doubt the worst grass court" he had ever played on.

Visser, a sturdy and determined left-hander, kept McEnroe at full stretch, and the American grew increasingly angry as he kept losing his footing.

"The court is simply not good enough to play a Grand Slam tournament on," McEnroe said.

During the third set, he asked tournament referee Peter Bellenger if the players could move to the court on the right side of the main arena, which had been used for the first four days, but the request was refused.

McEnroe later slipped and told

the holding Bellenger: "If this court is OK, you've got hair on your head."

"It's not really tennis any more. It's fighting for survival," he told a news conference, claiming the court was simply too hard and too slippery.

He found an unlikely ally in defending women's singles champion Chris Evert Lloyd, who also criticised the court after struggling to a 4-6, 6-4, 6-0 second-round triumph over compatriot Betsy Nagelsen.

"The court certainly favours the underdog," said Evert Lloyd. "It is hard, but seems slippery."

"I don't enjoy playing in conditions which I feel hinder my game," said McEnroe, bidding to win the tournament for the first time and claim his first Grand Slam title of the year. "I don't think I can play my best tennis on this court."

He described the matches on the surface as "one shot, hit-and-miss tennis."

McEnroe, involved in an incident with a reporter and photographer at his hotel Tuesday, felled a photographer Friday with a smash on a practice court. He apologised immediately, and hysterics said it did not appear intentional.

Liverpool's Walsh finds success

LONDON (R) — Liverpool fans, accustomed to acclaiming the goals of Ian Rush and Kenny Dalglish, may be singing the praises of a new hero Saturday if the "Reds" beat Chelsea and overhaul Manchester United at the top of the English first division.

After 18 months of frustration, Paul Walsh has finally established himself as the natural successor to Dalglish alongside Rush in the Liverpool attack with a series of impressive goal-scoring performances.

But it has taken a piece of old-fashioned kidology by player-manager Dalglish to bring out the best in the 23-year-old striker whose independent nature and brushes with authority brought a premature end to his England career early last year.

When Walsh, disappointed at not holding a regular place in Liverpool's team following a \$1.2 mil-

lion transfer from Luton, asked for a transfer, Dalglish granted his request... and promptly dropped himself and selected the unsettled star.

The result has been a steady flow of goals — nine in ten games — and a resurgence of Liverpool's form. After trailing runaway leaders Manchester United by ten points a month ago, they are now only two points behind, with Dalglish enjoying life as a manager on the sidelines.

A victory over third-placed Chelsea would put Liverpool, at least temporarily, on top. Their match at Anfield kicks off at 1200 GMT while Manchester United, at home to Watford, kick off three hours later.

For Walsh, who won the last of his five international caps in England's humbling 1-0 defeat by Wales in May, 1984, Liverpool's rise has enhanced his hopes of impressing England manager

Bobby Robson in time to join his Mexico-bound World Cup party. Chelsea, however, will be no easy victims even though they will be without striker David Speedie who has travelled to Australia with Scotland for their World Cup playoff.

Speedie's forward partner Kerry Dixon, with 11 league goals already this season, is a current member of Robson's squad and may exploit the possible absence of Mark Lawrenson from the Liverpool defence with an ankle injury.

Manchester United, badly hit by injuries, will include Colin Gibson, signed from Aston Villa this week for \$400,000, in their team against inconsistent Watford.

Fourth-placed West Ham, without the first division's top scorer Frank McAvennie who has also travelled with Scotland, face hot-temper club West Bromwich Albion at home.

Long-distance run no boon to women

CLEVELAND (AP) — Women who run marathons face much greater risks of physical injury than those who run short distances, according to two researchers.

Ellen Rudy, associate professor of nursing at Case Western Reserve University, and Patricia

Estok, associate professor of nursing at Kent State University, reached the conclusion from a study involving 95 female runners.

The researchers compared 57 marathon runners who competed in a 42 kilometre race with 38 non-marathoners who took part in a 10 kilometre run. They found the marathoners were more likely to suffer a range of physical injuries.

For example, 11 per cent of the marathoners, compared with only 3 per cent of the non-marathoners, had experienced

achilles tendon inflammation.

"Certain physical symptoms are related to the intensity of running, and women need to be aware of this before they decide to increase their mileage," Rudy said. "Running up to 16 kilometres a week is beneficial; beyond 32 kilometres the risk of injury increases," she said.

Knee injuries plagued all runners, regardless of distance. The researchers found about 50 per cent of both groups suffered them, a figure higher than that found among male runners.

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Eng. Mohammad S. Kilani
President
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Pretoria calls on Harare to prevent border raid

JOHANNESBURG (R) — South Africa stepped up its war of words with neighbouring Zimbabwe Friday, saying Harare should prevent cross border activities by black nationalists.

A new guerrilla offensive this week by what Pretoria believes are members of the outlawed African National Congress (ANC) has included land mine explosions close to the Zimbabwe border and a rocket attack on its vital oil-from-coal plants.

State-controlled Radio South Africa, in a commentary reflecting government thinking, said Friday that any country allowing what it called terrorists to operate from its territory would undermine regional stability and prosperity.

"It is therefore in Zimbabwe's own interests to ensure that this does not happen. The onus rests squarely on Mr. (Zimbabwean Prime Minister Robert) Mugabe's government to render a bot pursuit operation by South Africa unnecessary," it said.

Pretoria, which has in the past raided guerrilla targets in Botswana, Lesotho and Mozambique, warned on Wednesday that its forces might cross into Zimbabwe if guerrillas were traced across the

border. Zimbabwe has said it would not allow the ANC, which is fighting to topple white rule in South Africa, to operate from its territory. An ANC spokesman in Zambia denied his group's guerrillas were using Zimbabwe.

Guerrillas Thursday launched rocket attacks on the strategic oil-from-coal installations at Secunda, 120 kilometres east of Johannesburg, the third such attack since 1980.

Police said three guerrillas suspected of carrying out the attack were later found and shot dead near the Swaziland border.

Another four people were killed in a fierce gun battle with police Thursday at a house near Rustenburg, west of Johannesburg, and police said they seized arms and ammunition.

The frontline states bordering and close to South Africa Thursday condemned Pretoria's threat to pursue guerrillas into Zimbabwe.

In Pretoria, police said protests that has claimed over 935 lives since February 1984 continued. A spokesman reported stonethrowing, arson and petrol-bombing in the western and eastern Cape, in Soweto township near Johannesburg and in the Orange Free State and Natal.

There were no fatalities or serious injuries. Law and Order Minister Louis Le Grange announced Friday that policemen assigned to patrol the country's borders would be withdrawn from next week and replaced by defence force members.

He told a police college passing out parade in Pretoria that the extra policemen would help relieve pressure on police caused by the protests in black townships.

Mr. Le Grange said 6,000 of the nation's 48,000 police were being used to counter unrest. The government called in the army in October to help the stretched police force, but the number of troops on anti-protest duty has never been disclosed.

He said 27 policemen had died in protests since September last year and 550 police homes were destroyed, often in petrol bomb and hand grenade attacks.

Anglo-Irish conference to meet before Christmas

LONDON (R) — The inter-governmental conference set up to give the Irish Republic a consultative role in Northern Ireland is likely to meet within three weeks, the British minister in charge of the province said.

Northern Ireland Secretary of State Tom King told Reuters he expected the Anglo-Irish conference to hold its first session before the Dec. 25 Christmas holiday.

Britain and Ireland established the conference in an agreement on Nov. 15 aimed at ending the political deadlock and violence in Northern Ireland.

The agreement was given its final parliamentary endorsement Thursday when it was passed by the Dail in Senate.

The treaty had earlier been approved by the Irish Dail and the British House of Commons where 15 Northern Irish Protestant members are resigning their seats in protest to force what they see as a mini general election in the province.

Mr. King said the action by the Ulster unionists, who regard the Anglo-Irish agreement as the first step towards Irish reunification, raised "very difficult issues."

He said it was hard to see what the elections would prove because the vote was a foregone conclusion.

Mr. King said he expected the voting in the 15 constituencies to reflect traditional patterns, reflecting a two-to-one domination of Protestants over Catholics.

"I don't quite know how they have thought where they go from there," the British minister said. "It raises very difficult issues. We are all members of the United Kingdom Parliament ... and this does involve accepting the majority view."

Mr. King repeated the accusations he levelled in parliament against the unionists, saying they had misrepresented the Anglo-Irish agreement and were wrong in predicting that they would end up under Irish rule.

He added: "Some rather excitable things have been said. I want Northern Ireland very much to remain part of the United Kingdom ... this agreement gives them that important security."

Punjab village chief killed by Sikhs

NEW DELHI (R) — Sikh extremists have killed a village chief and wounded three policemen in the Punjab state on the eve of Friday's elections for a committee which runs Sikh temples in the state.

The Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency said the attacks Thursday night were all in the district which includes the Sikh holy city of Amritsar where the elections will be held.

On Wednesday extremists shot and wounded the head priest of Sikhs' holiest shrine, the Golden Temple, in Amritsar.

The attacks were part of stepped-up attacks which started a week ago when a train bomb killed two people in Punjab, where extremists are fighting for a separate Sikh nation they call "Khalistan."

PTI said two gunmen shot down the chief of Ghariala village near Amritsar while he was riding to work.

Uninsured satellite launched from shuttle

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (R) — The crew of the space shuttle Atlantis have successfully launched the first uninsured communications satellite put into orbit by the U.S. space agency.

The \$50-million (RCA) Communications Satcom K-2 satellite was uninsured because of a steep increase in insurance rates following the loss of a number of satellites for which insurance companies have paid out over \$600 million.

It is one of three being launched by RCA.

"We would have had to pay more than 20 per cent for each of the three satellites in this series at today's rate to obtain insurance," said John Christopher, vice president of technical operations for RCA. "Two years ago the premium cost was between six and eight per cent of the cost of the satellite."

This was the third and last satellite to be launched by Atlantis on its week-long voyage, which is due to end on Dec. 3. Previously Morelos-2, a Mexican communications satellite, and Aussat-2, an Australian satellite, were both successfully placed in orbit.

Crew members Thursday night enjoyed a meal of smoked turkey and cranberry sauce for the American Thanksgiving holiday.

The other crew are Mexican payload specialist Rodolfo Neri Vela and Americans Commander Brewster Shaw, Bryan O'Connor, pilot: Sherwood Spring and Jerry Ross, mission specialists: and Charles Walker, payload specialist.

Attacks paralyse Japan rail system

TOKYO (R) — Radicals wearing steel helmets and neat commuter suits fire-bombed a Tokyo railway station Friday morning as part of a national operation which crippled Japan's rail network during the rush hour.

In the most daring and well-planned assault for years, attackers hit 33 separate rail links in eight provinces, including Hiroshima and Osaka, police said.

The raiders sabotaged mostly communication cables serving the heavily computerised network. As the cables were cut, rail signals, switching gear and braking systems went dead.

A force of 80 to 100 leftists stormed into Asakushashi Station, which serves millions of commuters from Tokyo's eastern suburbs, just before the rush hour.

They smashed ticket machines with iron bars, hurled firebombs and started a blaze which took firemen an hour to extinguish, police said.

The attackers wore white helmets of a type favoured by the Chukakuha Movement, an ultra left-wing group opposing plans to privatise the state-run Japan National Railway (JNR). Police reported about 48 arrests, including some Chukakuha members.

The attacks paralysed or delayed most services in and out of Tokyo, adding a new dimension to the city's renowned rush hour agonies for some 12 million commuters. The saboteurs showed the relative ease with which the efficiency-proud JNR could be hurled into chaos.

Tens of thousands of people swarmed out of non-functioning mainline stations to join sufferers crammed on the overloaded underground system. Stranded passengers hailed taxis and rode them into swollen traffic jams.

School authorities said about 500 schools closed for lack of students. On the Tokyo Stock Exchange, trading was light due to the non-arrival of dealers.

The attacks coincided with a 24-hour strike called by a breakaway Train Drivers' union in Chiba, east of Tokyo, to protest against JNR privatisation plans.

Most unions and government dignitaries from Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone down deplored the attacks and called for thorough investigations.

Investigators are now expected to examine how the cut communication cables, laid in easily accessible concrete conduits alongside railway tracks, can be protected against assault, especially in view of next May's economic summit meeting in Tokyo.

A group of 40 to 50 helmeted radicals, following behind a car, tried to attack policemen with steel bars on a street near Asakushashi Station Friday morning, police said.

One policeman fired two warning shots at the tires of the car and the group fled, abandoning the vehicle. No one was wounded in the shooting but one policeman suffered injuries during the encounter.

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Baby dies after night in mortuary refrigerator

TEL AVIV (AP) — A baby girl was found alive in a mortuary refrigerator after a doctor mistakenly declared her dead, police said Thursday. But the baby died about two hours later. The 19-day-old Palestinian baby was brought by her mother to the hospital in the West Bank town of Jenin about two weeks ago for treatment, said area police spokesman Ovadia Zorea. A doctor who treated the child declared it dead after several hours and ordered it placed in the mortuary, but when family members went to the hospital the following morning the baby was found to be alive. Zorea said. Medical staff tried to revive her, but she finally died after about two hours, he said.

Alleged murderer gives court 1 week to hang him

KUALA LUMPUR (R) — A 20-year-old man confessed in court to committing a murder then demanded he should hang as soon as possible, saying: "If this judge has no power to hang me, then send me to one who can." "Your honour, I did the murder. Please hang me as fast as you can," S. Satwan Singh told a preliminary enquiry into the murder of a 13-year-old boy. "I am not mad, OK? I know what I am saying. You people are trying to make me mad. I demand to be sentenced," he shouted. When told the magistrate at the inquiry could not sentence him and the case was postponed to February, Singh reported: "How come I have no say in my own matters? You people fix dates without asking me. I am giving you one week and I want to be sentenced then."

Colombians seek new site for Armero

ARMERO, Colombia (R) — Colombian authorities are searching for a new site for the town of Armero which has been devastated by a volcanic eruption with the loss of 25,000 lives two weeks ago.

Maj. Rafael Ruiz Navarro, who was appointed mayor after his predecessor died in the avalanche of mud which swept down the Nevado Del Ruiz volcano, said Thursday: "Reconstruction and relocation are the key priorities for us now."

Maj. Ruiz Navarro, who was talking to reporters during a six-hour helicopter trip over the disaster area with Defence Minister Miguel Veiga Uribe, gave no indication of where Armero, formerly a bustling centre for cotton, rice and cattle farmers, would be rebuilt.

Cardinal Alfonso Lopez Trujillo is due to bless the remains of Armero from a helicopter on Saturday. He will declare the site where up to 22,000 people are buried as consecrated ground.

President Belisario Betancur earlier this week announced emergency measures to help the 9,000 survivors from Armero and thousands of other people whose lives were disrupted.

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Gandhi: SARC summit is big step forward

TOKYO (R) — Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi told the Japanese Parliament Friday that the forthcoming summit of seven South Asian nations was a major step toward creating a new regional relationship.

Mr. Gandhi, who arrived Thursday for the first visit by an Indian premier to Japan in 16 years, was the first Indian leader to address the parliament.

He welcomed an agreement on cooperation in science and technology signed earlier Friday by Indian Foreign Minister Bali Ram Bhagat and Japanese Foreign Minister Shintaro Abe.

(SARC) grouping. Mr. Gandhi said: "We have evolved specific programmes of regional cooperation in the areas of agriculture, communications, meteorology, transport, arts, sports and culture, planning and health."

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Mr. Gandhi, who has relaxed controls on foreign investment in India, said: "We value Japan's assistance in our development effort."

Recalling that it was to India that Japan extended its first yen credit in 1958, he said: "The next phase of development in India should enlarge the scope of our bilateral economic and technological cooperation."

Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone Thursday promised India a 30 billion yen (\$150 million) government loan.

In a meeting with Japanese business leaders, Mr. Gandhi said India wanted to expand economic cooperation.

Greenpeace 'will not change plans' to go to Antarctic

SYDNEY (R) — The Greenpeace environmental group said Friday it would go ahead with plans to set up a base camp in the Antarctic despite criticism in both Australia and New Zealand.

Greenpeace was determined to raise its flag on the continent alongside those of the member nations of the Antarctic treaty, the group's Antarctic campaign coordinator Peter Wilkinson told reporters.

He was speaking on the converted tug Greenpeace which arrived in Sydney from New Zealand to prepare for next month's trip to the frozen continent, which Greenpeace wants declared a world park for the use of all.

Wilkinson rejected the Australian government's criticism that the Greenpeace was unsafe and that the movement was risking lives in sailing to the Antarctic.

"We are not suggesting that going there does not present risks but we are not going there to be heroes. If the conditions are too bad, we will simply come back," he said.

Greenpeace representatives are to meet Australian Science Minister Barry Jones next Thursday to discuss what Wilkinson described as his politically-motivated attack on Greenpeace.

Warrior, the vessel sunk by French agents in Auckland Harbour last July.

New Zealand said Friday it is considering a public inquiry into the Rainbow Warrior bombing which would reveal details of the police investigation into the sinking of the Greenpeace protest flagship.

Transport Minister Richard Prebble said in a statement he may be obliged to hold a full-scale inquiry under New Zealand's shipping laws.

The converted trawler was sunk on July 10 at its Auckland Harbour mooring in a French secret service operation planned and ordered by Paris to quash protests against France's South Pacific nuclear tests.

Government officials said the inquiry, headed by a senior judge or lawyer, would probably reveal details about the way the operation was planned and carried out.

Diplomatic analysts said such a move could seriously embarrass the French government at a time when it was apparently recovering from the domestic political damage caused by the scandal.

Two French secret agents jailed for 10 years in New Zealand for their part in the operation pleaded

guilty to the charges before any evidence had been presented in open court.

Prime Minister David Lange refused to comment on suggestions by Wellington's Dominion newspaper that the possibility of an inquiry was linked to suspicions that France could refuse to resume negotiations on compensation to New Zealand for the bombing.

Paris is negotiating with Greenpeace and has already agreed compensation with the family of Fernando Pereira, who drowned when the ship sank. Talks in New York between officials from the two countries were suspended until after the two agents, Dominique Prieur and Alain Mafart, were sentenced.

Mr. Prebble said it was clear parliament, when legislating for marine inquiries, never contemplated the extraordinary situation of a ship being sunk as a result of subversion by agents of a foreign government.

As minister of transport he had no involvement in the compensation negotiations, he said.

"I am asking the solicitor general what powers the inquiry would have. It appears they are very wide," he added.

London's business area blacked out for 7 hours

LONDON (R) — London's main financial and business district was blacked out by a seven-hour power failure, the London Electricity Board (LEB) said. Thousands of commuters, shivering in freezing outside temperatures, arrived Thursday morning to cold, dark offices and no tea. Motorists were caught in long jams because the blackout also affected traffic signals. Power was finally restored at about 11 a.m., but the LEB asked consumers in the area to use less power for a day while a faulty main cable was being repaired.

Spain abolishes taxes for half an hour

MADRID (R) — The Spanish Parliament abolished all taxes for 1986 — but this taxpayers' dream lasted only half an hour. The country's ruling Socialists mistakenly voted out the tax regime during a budget debate, leaving the state without any income. Economy Minister Carlos Solchaga discovered the mistake, and the taxes were approved in a new vote half an hour later.

GOREN BRIDGE

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ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠K82 ♠Q1093 ♠Q73 ♠5
The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Dble Pass ?
What do you bid now?
A.—Partner's double is not for takeout—it is for penalties. Had he wanted to hear from you, he would have doubled one club. With your normal values, you should be more than happy to accept his decision. Pass.

Q.2—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠AQ ♠KQJ63 ♠AS87 ♠65
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ 2 ♠ 2 NT Pass ?
What do you bid now?
A.—Since your hand is slightly unbalanced, you should try to play at a suit contract, if possible. Partner could easily have three hearts for his bid, in which case four hearts might be a better contract. Bid three diamonds to tell partner you are two-suited. If he rebids three hearts, however, your next bid should be three no trump to describe a 2-3-4-2 distribution. He should now know where to place the contract.

Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠6 ♠AK1052 ♠KJ3 ♠KQ55
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass ?
What do you bid now?
A.—You have a very good hand, but not enough to insist on game. Therefore, you cannot jump shut. Again, it is your duty to tell partner that you have a distributional hand. Bid two clubs—unless partner can set again voluntarily, you won't have sufficient values for game.

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠Q53 ♠K72 ♠AKJ763
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass ?
What do you bid now?
A.—With the ace of hearts confirmed in partner's hand by his cuebid, it is simply a matter of whether to bid six spades or seven. Blackwood won't help—you need the Grand Slam Force. Bid five no trump. That asks partner to bid a grand slam if he holds two of the top three trump honors, or settle for a small slam with only one. If he has none, he should not have made a jump shift in that suit.

Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠A5 ♠AKQJ73 ♠1092 ♠K5
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ ?
What do you bid now?
A.—Partner did not have enough to bid freely after the overall, but that doesn't mean that he is completely broke. A few strategically placed cards in his hand could give you play for game. However, we do feel that nine tricks will be easier to make than ten, so we suggest you make your intentions known to partner by bidding two no trump now.

Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠QJ3 ♠984 ♠A85 ♠K1092
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
Pass Pass 1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass Pass Dble ?
What do you bid now?
A.—You could not possibly have more for your response, and partner should be told of that. The way to do so is to redouble. East was hoping that his partner held your hand—now you must make him pay for his tameness in reopening the bidding.

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